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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Suspensions At UN

ON January 1 the McCarran Committee will resume investigating the American officials of the United Nations. Its right to do so has been upheld by the three international jurists appointed by Mr. Trygve Lie to advise him on the relations between the committee and his staff. "In our opinion," they say, "there is no immunity or privilege enjoyed by any member of the United Nations staff behind which he could shelter if brought to account on any charge of his taking part in subversive activities against the United States." Does this open the door to the McCarran Committee investigating non-Americans as well as American citizens? It is a serious matter. Because of the peculiar ideas and methods of the committee its inquiries are widely detested. It seems to assume that if it can show that a mature and responsible official moved in his undergraduate days in circles from which Communists were recruited it has proved him to be a bad security risk and has given adequate grounds for his dismissal. A question of principle is involved and has to be examined.

ONE immediate question raised is whether the country which is the host to the United Nations has a reasonable claim to control the staff of the United Nations so as to ensure they do not abuse their position and try to subvert the institutions of the host country. Mr. Lie's three jurists seem to suggest that the way to harmonize the American interest and the interests of the United Nations is for the Secretary-General himself to purge the Secretariat of Communists. But would America be safer if American Communists were dismissed from the United Nations while Polish or Bulgarian Communists remain? And if America is allowed to insist on excluding Communists will other countries, even though not in the position of hosts, begin to demand the exclusion of their particular black sheeps? It is a bad outlook. The best hope of avoiding trouble is for the United Nations to recruit only those officials who are ready to take seriously their oath, not to be the instruments of any national Government.

Shipwrecked Passengers In Grim Danger

DOOMED UNLESS IMMEDIATELY RESCUED

Beirut, Dec. 22.

An undetermined number of passengers and crew faced death tonight aboard the French liner *Champollion*, fast breaking up on the rocky, wind-lashed Lebanese coast.

The British 8,000-ton cruiser *Kenya* was speeding tonight from Port Said to the rescue of the vessel, whose captain sent a message ashore saying bluntly that all aboard were doomed unless they could be "immediately rescued"—and all rescue attempts so far have failed.

The liner appeared to be fast grinding to pieces on a sandbank as waves three metres high lashed her hull.

It is not clear exactly how many people are still on board, but the *Champollion* was earlier reported to be carrying 500 passengers and crew. Of these one boatload of 20 sailors struggled through ashore this afternoon, hauling a thick cable. But the cable broke and hopes of rescue faded.

Under heavy rain a second cable connection was made later with the ship, but with the raging sea it was a precarious contact.

At 7.30 p.m. local time, the liner again sent out a boat to make the second attempt to get a cable ashore. This time, instead of trying to cross directly, the boat's crew allowed the current to carry it ashore.

Lebanese rescuers awaiting it on shore immediately tied the cable to an army tank to secure it.

Experts ashore said they have no other means of rescuing the passengers, but are anxiously awaiting the promised British naval plane to arrive from Malta.

TENSION HIGH

Tension was almost at breaking point aboard the *Champollion*, and one report said arms had been issued to ship's officers.

Only one fatal casualty has so far been reported from the ship—the first boat, 2nd Lieutenant Seltzer, told him that bad visibility was the cause of the accident.

Currents offshore and the high waves took control of the ship, making it impossible to use the engines, he said.

The officer said about ten people were injured on board through broken glass.

From the shore it appeared that the liner had broken clear into two pieces, some yards apart.

Some experts believed the break may help to stabilize the two halves, because the ship was reconstructed in 1936 into separate watertight compartments.

With darkness and rain, no other boat dared to try to reach the shore from the *Champollion* and late tonight further operations were expected to be postponed until tomorrow.

The Lebanese Army hopes to bring the crew and passengers of the liner to safety across the cable to the shore—if it holds.

The liner is carrying a crew of about 400 and 42 passengers bound for Beirut and 60 bound for Jerusalem.

After grounding she lowered five lifeboats. One capsized and the five people in it swam to the shore and were rescued. The other boats were battered by the high waves and submerged rocks and were reported unable to get across the 650 feet of water.

CRUISE ON WAY

The British cruiser *Kenya* is expected to reach the *Champollion* just before midnight, GMT, tonight, according to a London Admiralty announcement.

Earlier Israeli naval vessels picked up the *Champollion's* distress signals and sailed out from Haifa, entering Lebanese territorial waters, a Jerusalem report said.

Israel was said to have informed the Lebanese, through the Mixed Armistice Commission, that in accordance with international usage her rescue vessels would disregard Lebanese sovereignty.

The 2,737-ton French steamer *Syrie* was also reported to have arrived off Beirut and to be standing by to help.

During the day President Camille Chamoun of the Lebanon and members of his Government went to the shore near here to supervise the rescue efforts.—Reuters.

NO RT CONTACT

Paris, Dec. 22.

The French Postal Ministry said tonight that the *Champollion* could not be reached by radio-telephone from France. Messages were piling up from the owners to the captain but there was now no hope of sending them.

A Ministry spokesman said it was believed the liner had abandoned shortwave radio transmission in order to keep her batteries for mediterranean transmission to nearby radio stations.

A Greek tug, which had set out to help the *Champollion*, had been unable to reach her by radio, the spokesman said.—Reuters.

Factory Explosion

New Jersey, Dec. 22.

About 20 people were injured today when a terrific explosion shook the Union Carbide and Carbon Company's bakelite factory at which 2,500 workers are employed. No deaths had so far been reported as a result of the explosion.—France-Press.

Gaol-Breaker Recaptured



Five men carry Russell Ford, 30-year-old, two hundred pound escaped convict, back into Somerville, N.J. gaol following his capture. Eight policemen were required to subdue Ford who had escaped twenty-four hours earlier.—London Express.

Siamese Twins Problem

Doctors Considering Operation

Homburg, Germany, Dec. 23.

Lotli and Gitta Knaek, 18 months' old girl-Siamese twins, lay happily in their white, enamelled cot here today while German medical experts debated whether to attempt an operation to separate them.

The twins, daughters of Homburg postman Kurt Knaek, were taken last week to the University clinic at Bonn where they were examined by Professor Dr Peter Toebe, one of Germany's leading brain specialists.

Like the Brodie twins in the United States the two little girls are linked at the head.

"We want an operation but only if we have every assurance humanly possible that it will succeed," Knaek told the United Press. "We certainly do not want Lotli, the weaker one, to be sacrificed to save her sister Gitta."

Mrs Knaek confirmed that she and her husband have applied for a travelling showman's permit to enable them to show the twins publicly if an operation is impossible.

"We have made application," she said, "but have not yet received an answer. But we don't intend to show them at small town fairs or in peep show but only at reputable fairs."

IN GLASS CASE

Mrs Knaek said that she and her husband hoped to get together enough money to buy a trailer in which the children would be exhibited in a glass case—"in hygienic conditions," she said.

Lotli and Gitta can already say "Pappa" and "Mamma" and their little German nursery rhymes are somewhat off key. Their parents said that they were quite happy despite their inability to move around.

The two heads are completely fused together at the side and face in the same direction. At a casual glance it is impossible to distinguish the dividing line between the two skulls.

Medical experts have not divulged whether the brains are connected.

When one child lies on its back the other has to be placed partly across it. The merging of the two heads make it impossible for both to be laid on their back at the same time.—United Press.

FAMILY OF FOUR MURDERED

Mau Mau Strikes

Nairobi, Dec. 22.

Africans armed with spears, knives and a rifle strangled and beheaded four members of a Kikuyu family in their hut in the Nyeri district, north of Nairobi, last night, police reported tonight.

They also murdered a fifth person in the same district.

The body of a Roman Catholic Mission schoolteacher, Joseph Mwangi, was found today near his home at Kasigina, in the Nyeri district.

He was believed to have been killed on his way home last night.

Eleven Kikuyu tribesmen were sentenced to death by hanging today for the murder of a European farmer, Mr. Eric Bowyer, last October.

Mr Bowyer was found back to pieces in his bath on his lonely Kilangop farm. Two of his African servants were also found murdered. A twelfth Kikuyu, who had also been on trial in connection with the murder, was acquitted.

The government of Kenya appointed Colonel Geoffrey Rimbaud, now Chief of Staff for East Africa, to co-ordinate the forces of law and order in the fight against the anti-white secret society, the Mau Mau.

SPECIAL TAX

Col. Rimbaud will be on the staff of Kenya's Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring.

The government today also proposed a Bill to apply a special tax of £1 a year for a period of two years.

This tax will help to pay for the anti-Mau Mau campaign.

Members of the Kikuyu tribe, chief sources of Mau Mau strength who helped the government fight Mau Mau terrorism will be exempt from the tax.

Police and military chiefs in Kenya have ordered all their forces to remain at their posts over Christmas because Mau Mau terrorists are likely to be "particularly dangerous"—Reuters.

23 Tourists Killed In Bus Disaster

BURIED IN AN AVALANCHE

Bregenz, Austria, Dec. 22.

Twenty-three foreign tourists, 19 of them believed to be British and four French, were killed when an avalanche swept a bus from a bridge into a river near Stuben in the Vorarlberg Province this afternoon.

Only seven people in the bus were saved. First reports said they were all more or less injured.

The bus, the regular Post Office bus between Langen and Lechon, was said to have been swept into the stream by the air pressure caused by the avalanche, and then buried by the snow.

The bus was caught just when it was entering the bridge. Had it been only a few metres to either side, it would probably have escaped, Vorarlberg Provincial government officials said here tonight.

It fell six metres from the bridge into the frozen Fuchsbach stream, but most of the bodies showed symptoms typical of death caused by air pressure.

Most of the victims have not yet been fully identified. Tonight they were laid out in the little church of Langen on the Ahrberg.

They were all young people, some of them children, on their way to winter sports centres in the Ahrberg.

The bus was the last vehicle to be allowed to use the road between Langen and Stuben. It was to have been closed immediately after the avalanche, the police said.

RESCUE WORK

The driver of the bus, who was only slightly injured, brought first news of the disaster to Langen, at the western entrance to the nine-kilometre-long Ahrberg tunnel. It is only a few kilometres from Stuben.

Police and nearly the entire adult population of Langen (population about 700) helped in rescue work. They took four seriously injured travellers to the hospital at Bludenz.

Telephone communications to Langen were partly cut by the avalanche.

The Provincial authorities tonight imposed a total news blackout on the disaster, pending an official statement.

The Provincial government officials at once went to Langen to make an investigation.

Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl has sent a telegram of condolence to the Vorarlberg Provincial Governor, Mr. Ullrich, asking him to convey his condolences in the name of the Austrian government to the families of the victims and to do his utmost for the survivors.—Reuters.

SNOW AND FLOODS

London, Dec. 22.

Reports of snow or floods in some countries had both come today from six countries—France, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Austria and Germany.

Reuter cables gave the following picture:

Paris: Avalanches isolated the Val d'Aoste winter resort in the French Alps. They blocked the main road up the Isere Valley for almost half a mile, dammed the river and cut telephone lines and high tension cables.

Snow lay 23 to 26 feet deep in parts of the valley. More avalanches blocked roads farther south.

Floods disorganised life in the Ardennes and the Upper Seine and Lower Loire Valleys.

Old and sick people were evacuated from one flood-threatened town, France, while troops and volunteers in other places battled to hold the waters back.

Dogs were called out in the Austrian Alps to hunt people swallowed up by the "white death" as the tumbling snows are called.

Search parties said conditions in some places were "almost beyond human endurance" as fierce gales piled up the snow many feet thick.

Firemen on rafts were evacuating people marooned in the villages around Bordeaux.

More than 1,000 people have been driven from their homes.

Geneva: Avalanches in the Valais district of South Switzerland have blocked roads, and warmer weather may thaw the snow and cause further snow slides.



M. PINAY

FRENCH PREMIER RESIGNS

Paris, Dec. 22.

M. Antoine Pinay, France's "save-the-franc" Premier, told his Ministers to the Elysee Palace tonight to hand in their resignations to President Auriol.

"This dramatic move by the head of the French Government came after Popular Republican deputies had voted to abstain in the confidence ballot on the Budget—thus making his position critical."

"The Popular Republicans have 65 deputies, including Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, and form part of the Government majority."

M. Pinay told deputies: "I have taken note of the defection of part of the Government majority (the Popular Republicans)."

"Without waiting for the result of the vote I invite my Ministers to accompany me to the President."

He and his Ministers then left the Chamber for the Elysee to tender their resignations to the President.

Earlier ex-Premier and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, a leading member of the MRP, who voted to support the Government in the group meeting, told reporters afterwards: "The position looks very bad for Pinay."

M. Pinay's Government faced three confidence votes—the first on the controversial clause about the transfer of contributions.

The French National Assembly meeting again at 8.30 p.m. GMT, decided on a further 30-minute adjournment because M. Pinay was not present.—Reuters.

PRISON BREAK

Washington, Dec. 22.

Seven inmates of the Walla Walla State Penitentiary escaped today through a tunnel over 60 yards long. The tunnel began in the prison courtyard near the cinder heap and ended outside the prison walls.—France-Press.

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Situation In Iraq Improving

Baghdad, Dec. 22.
General Abdul Amin
Mutallib, Governor of Bagh-
dad district, today released
20 people detained during
the November disorders,
which began over dissatis-
faction with the programme
for elections due next
month.

About 10 people were re-
leased at the end of Novem-
ber and 10 politicians, in-
cluding former Ministers, were
freed a week ago.

Further releases are expected
within the next 24 hours.

An announcement on the
opening date for the elections
is expected this week.

General Kuruudin Mahmoud,
Iraqi Prime Minister, announced
on November 24, immediately
after the rioting, that the
Government would shortly end
martial law and would hold
elections.

These would be based on a
new electoral law and would be
by direct suffrage.

Under the present system,
qualified voters elected
secondary electors who in turn
chose Parliamentary deputies.

On November 24, General
Abdul Mutallib ordered the dis-
solution of Iraq's five political
parties and suspension of all
civil laws during a period of
martial law.

Assemblies of more than five
people were forbidden and a
12-hour curfew, from six in the
evening to six in the morning,
was imposed.

This has been twice reduced
until it covers only the hours
from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Ten were killed and 100 in-
jured in the incidents, according
to unconfirmed reports at the
time.—Reuter.

Soviet Singer Ill In U.K.

London, Dec. 22.
Mark Reizen, noted Russian
basso of Moscow's Bolshoi
Theatre, became ill today with
a throat infection and was un-
able to return to his homeland
with a troupe of Soviet musi-
cians.

The artist, whose few ap-
pearances in Britain evoked
critical notices that included
favourable comparison with the
late Feodor Chaliapin, was
treated by a British doctor for
possible pneumonia. Later a
Russian doctor was called.

The Soviet group ended its
tour with a concert yesterday
at the Royal Festival Hall.—
Associated Press.



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Steady Increase In Crime All Over World.

Prosperity May Be The Cause

Geneva, Dec. 23.

A United Nations expert said that crime has
increased steadily throughout the world since the
war and that 50 to 55 per cent of all criminals in
Britain and France are "repeaters".

M. Paul Amor (France), representing the United
Nations Department of Social Affairs at the United
Nations first 16-nation conference on crime prevention
and the treatment of offenders, which met here in mid-
December, said that the reasons for the increase were
still a mystery, but he thought that it might be due to
prosperity.

EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS VISITING THE SUDAN

Khartoum, Dec. 22.
Two senior Egyptian—
a Minister and an army officer—
today met the Sudan's two rival
religious leaders before visiting
the primitive Southern Sudan
on an inspection tour.

The two Egyptians are Sheikh
Ahmed Hassan El Bakury,
Minister of Waqfs (religious
foundations) and Major Saleh
Sallin, an officer who has taken
part in the Anglo-Egyptian talks
on the Sudan's status in Cairo.
They arrived here last night
and today met Sayed Sir Abdel
Rahman El Mahdi, leader of
the Ansar religious sect and
patron of the pro-independence
UMMA Party, and Sayed Sir
Ali El Mirghani, leader of the
rival Khatmir religious group.
Both men have immense follow-
ings among the Sudanese.

Major Sallin, told El Mahdi
the results to date of the Cairo
talks on the Sudan. Before
leaving for the Southern Sudan
he is also to see individual
leaders of other Sudanese
parties and tell them about the
Cairo talks.

The position of the Southern
Sudan is a key issue in the
Cairo talks. Because of its
pagan primitiveness Britain has
agreed to the Sudan Governor-
General having special responsi-
bilities safeguarding its 3,000,000
people in the proposed new
constitution to give internal self-
government to the Sudan.

Egypt has said she wants
these special responsibilities
abolished. The 6,000,000 people
in the Northern Sudan are
Moslem and much more ad-
vanced and it will be northern-
ers who will make up the
majority of the Sudan's pro-
posed new parliament. Self-
government will precede self-
determination.

Also visiting the south on
Saturday will be representatives
of the main political parties in
the north.—Reuter.

Major Killed In Accident

Stoke-on-Trent, Dec. 22.
News was received in Stoke-
on-Trent today of the death by
accident of Saturday at Eynon
Canal zone, of Major Ronald
Geoffrey Copeland, of the 11th
Hussars, son of Mr. Ronald
Copeland, Managing Director of
W. T. Copeland and Sons,
Limited, makers of spode china.
Details of the accident are
not yet known.

Major Copeland was paying a
visit to Egypt and was hoping
to rejoin his wife and three
sons in Cyprus for Christmas.—
Reuter.

BAN MAY BE LIFTED

Tokyo, Dec. 22.
Information reaching trade
sources here intimates that the
Singapore Government may lift
the ban on the import of bicycle
parts.

The information has caused
enthusiasm among manufac-
turers who expect export to
Indonesia via Singapore in large
quantities.—France Press.

POP



"People who were able to
earn money very quickly, es-
pecially workers who cer-
tainly deserve improvement—
may have become used to a
better type of life and have
refused to live less well," he
said.

The habit of earning a live-
lihood easily may be part of
the reason, he said.

"Some people were inspired
by those who rose rapidly
without working," he added.

Three years from now the
United Nations will hold a
world congress in New York to
recommend universal methods
for dealing with crime preven-
tion and offenders, he said.

OFFENSES "OUT"
M. Amor personally disagreed
with the practice of whipping
offenders, as some people in
Britain had suggested.

"Whipping is not a good
method," he told a British
newspaperman, adding, "I am
opposed to all violent methods
used on prisoners. I don't want
to interfere with any practice in
Britain, but personally I am
very hostile to the idea."

M. Amor said that crime was
essentially a social rather than a
juridical problem which is why
the United Nations placed it in
the Department of Social Wel-
fare.

He said that the rate of crime
in the United States is pretty
high, as is the rate of "repeaters",
but he did not off-hand remem-
ber how high.—United Press.

Inquest On RAF Men

Basingstoke, Dec. 22.
Recording a verdict of
accidental death today at a
Basingstoke R.A.F. station
inquest on three pilot officers
who were killed when the Can-
berra jet bomber in which they
were flying crashed on Friday
at Steeple Morden near Roys-
ton, Lancashire, the Coroner said
evidence indicated there was
possibly some fault in the en-
gines of the aircraft which must
have caused them to burst into
flames.

"But there is no evidence such
as would indicate criminal
negligence."

The dead were Pilot Officers
Henry Lloyd Westwood, 23,
Thomas William Trench, 23, and
Terence Joseph MacMillan, who
would have been 20 on Christ-
mas Eve.

The Deputy Officer-in-Charge
of Canberra flights told the
Coroner that the plane had been
checked during the morning.

Flames coming from the en-
gines indicated there might have
been something mechanically
wrong.—Reuter.

Pakistan's New Constitution

Karachi, Dec. 22.
Premier Khwaja Nazimuddin
today told the Constituent As-
sembly that the Pakistan con-
stitution will make it a State
in which the rights and in-
terests of non-Muslims will be
fully guaranteed.

He made the declaration in
giving the Assembly a report
on basic principles embodied in
the draft of the Constitution
which is framing the constitu-
tion.—United Press.

Indian Senate Recess

New Delhi, Dec. 22.
The Indian Senate (Upper
House) adjourned sine die this
evening after concluding a six-
week session. Both Houses of
Parliament are due to meet
again on February 11 to discuss
the budget.—France Press.

More Controls Jettisoned

London, Dec. 22.
Manufacture and sale of
all meat products except
uncooked beef and pork
sausage meat and canned
corned meat will be freed
from control in Britain on
January 1.

This was announced to-
day by the Minister of
Food, Major Lloyd George.
Most meat products are
now plentiful. Many of
them are selling at less than
maximum price. Controls
on sausages and sausage
meat will be reviewed
soon.—Reuter.

America To Buy British Warplanes

Paris, Dec. 22.

An American plan to
spend nearly \$500,000,000
by 1955 for first-quality
British and European jet
fighters was reported today
by informed officials.

About half the amount—run-
ning to \$225,000,000—has al-
ready been approved by the
United States Congress under
the \$1,000,000,000 American
offshore buying programme set
for the 12 months ending next
June. The balance is expected
under the United States 1953-
1954 and 1954-1955 foreign aid
appropriations.

Main supplying nations will
be Britain, France, Italy, Bel-
gium and Holland, approxima-
tely in that order. The exact
contribution Belgium will make
at the moment is uncertain and
is being discussed.

Although final status have yet
to be agreed in Washington the
expectation is that most of the
plans ordered will be British-
designed—probably the newest
British types of Swifts, Hunters
and the Gloster Javelin all-
weather fighters. As far as can
be established the planes may
not be ordered in quantity.

The United States intended
probably to buy a total of 1,700
warplanes from European
countries by 1955 for distribu-
tion among the members of the
14-nation Atlantic Alliance
whose air defences need
strengthening.

But the informants reported,
that figures are likely to be re-
duced somewhat because of the
Allied determination to con-
centrate more on getting quality
instead of quantity for their
money.

The Allies decided in Lisbon
last February they should set
out to have 9,000 operational
aircraft in Europe by 1955—a
large figure they probably will
need to revise in view of their
general decision to slow down
the pace of their arms drive.—
Associated Press.

THREAT TO GERMANY

Washington, Dec. 22.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer
of the German Republic was
quoted as saying that the
greatest military threat to
Western Germany came from
Czechoslovakia rather than from
the Communist East German or
Polish armies.

This comment was made in a
copyrighted interview with the
United States News and World
Report, an independent weekly
news magazine.

The Chancellor was asked if
there was a danger that the
German Soviet zone army and
the Polish army might under-
take an action against Ger-
many without open Soviet par-
ticipation.

His quoted reply was: "I do
not fear it so much from the
Soviet zone. The great threat I
see is coming from Czechos-
lovakia. Apparently the So-
viets are now engaged in secur-
ing a firmer hold on Czechos-
lovakia. At the moment they
are meeting with certain dif-
ficulties as the recent trials (the
purge trials of 14 leading Com-
munist) have shown."—Reuter.

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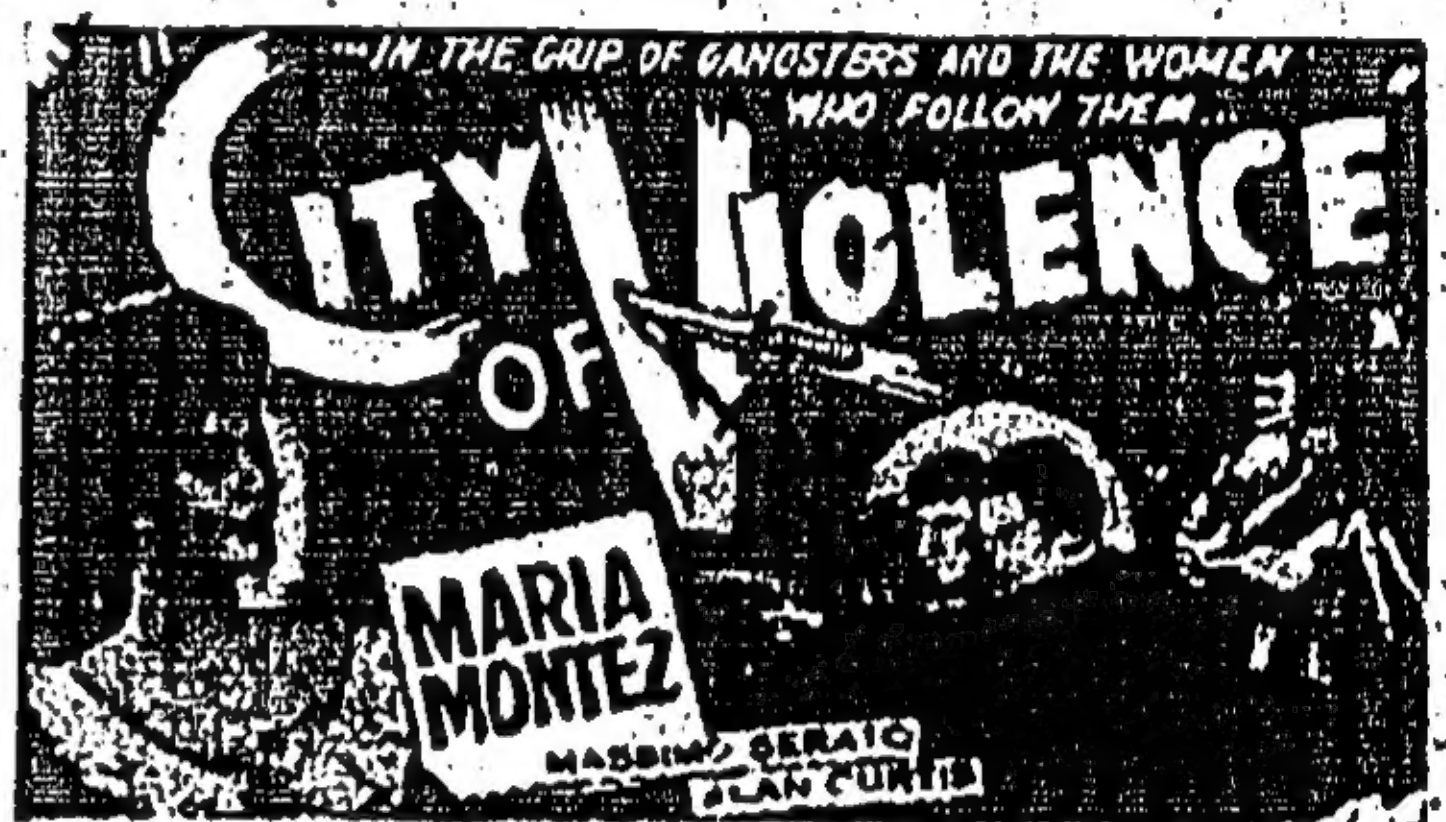


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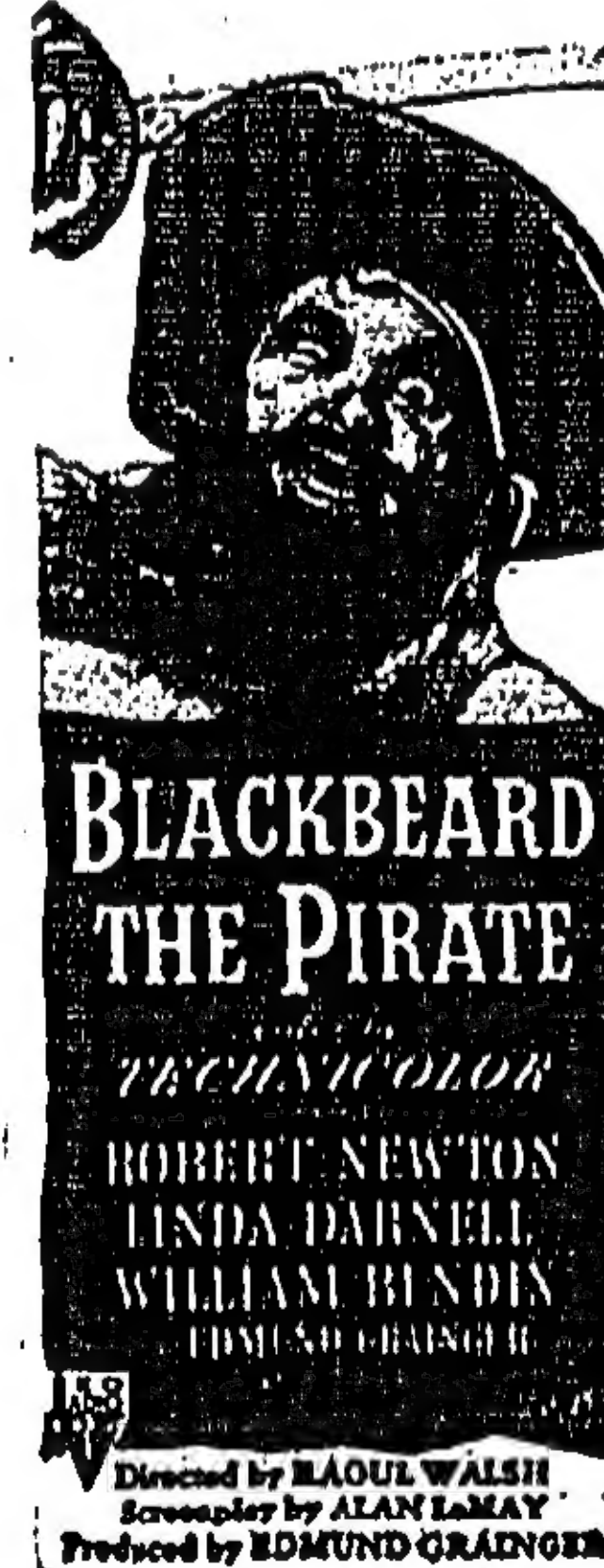
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Naguib To Stage Trial Of Farouk

Cairo, Dec. 22.
Ex-King Farouk of Egypt is to be tried in his absence for "abuse of constitutional prerogatives" and "corruption of political life in Egypt."

He will also be liable to lose his Egyptian nationality under an anti-corruption law passed by General Mohammed Naguib's Government.

Farouk, ousted from his throne last July, was described in Government circles tonight as being at the "root of evil" in Egypt.

He was alleged to have "encouraged widespread corruption, nepotism and misuse of power and influence" and to have stood in the way of reforms, to further his personal ambitions.

He was also accused of smuggling fortunes out of Egypt with the aid of several members of his "royal clique" and the connivance of some Cabinet Ministers.

The new law, punishing political graft, passed last night, applies to former Ministers and Members of Parliament and is retroactive to September 1939.

Penalties include loss of civil rights, a ban on holding public office or posts with commercial companies for a limited period, a refund to the State of money illicitly obtained and loss of Egyptian nationality.—Reuter.

French Sortie In Tonkin

Paris, Dec. 22.
Several French battalions have returned to the fortified northwest Indo-China airfield of Namat after an offensive reconnaissance as far as Banat, to the southeast, Agency France Presse reported today from Hanoi.

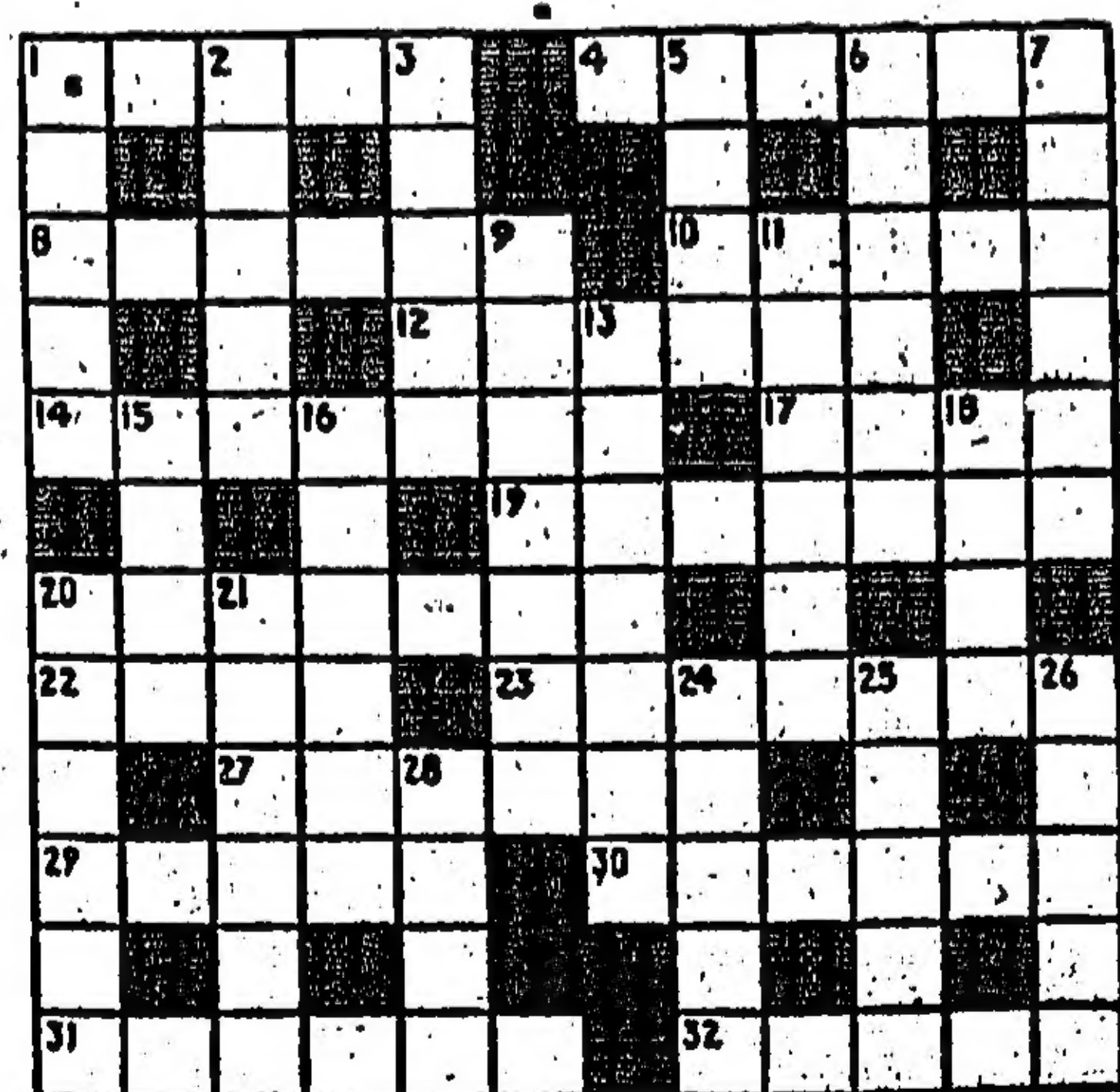
It was the second sortie from the fortified outpost in two days. Some 70 men garrisoning the Vanding post in the Red River delta, which was taken by the Vietminh two days ago, have succeeded in reaching the French lines.

French and local forces today occupied the recently evacuated Phung Tho post, north of Lai Chau, capital of the mountainous Thai country in northwest Indo-China, the agency added.—Reuter.

Vienna, Dec. 22.
Corporation inspectors calling to read gas meters in Russian-occupied buildings in Vienna are blindfolded and watched by an armed guard before being allowed inside, an Austrian City Councilor said today.

The Councilor said the Russians paid neither gas nor electricity bills and owed the city more than 2,200,000 for these services.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1. Noblemen (5).
4. Rasper (5).
8. Deprived of sensation (6).
10. Colour (5).
12. Ransom (6).
14. Extreme (7).
17. Korner (4).
19. Ruler (7).
20. Discourse (7).
22. Consumer (4).
23. Serfs (7).
27. Be contrite (6).
29. Show submission (5).
30. Saviour (6).
31. Take out (6).
32. Give permanent income to (5).
- DOWN
1. Boredom (5).
2. Send (5).
3. Severe (5).
5. Anger (4).
6. Culver (5).
7. Feril (5).
9. Merit (7).
11. Nook (6).
13. Lovers (7).
15. Votes against (4).
16. Freedom of access (5).
18. Register (4).
21. Hild (6).
24. Purloined (5).
25. Correct (5).
26. Tendon (5).
28. Schism (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Pleasant, 2. Chum, 3. Dashed, 4. Deceive, 5. Play, 6. Propose, 7. Tortured, 8. Trap, 9. Disperse, 10. Substitute, 11. Band, 12. Settlers, 13. Down, 14. Acid, 15. Rues, 16. Hues, 17. Acts, 18. Annual, 19. Tunes, 20. Divot, 21. Sever, 22. Error, 23. Avers, 24. Solid, 25. Stope, 26. Ticks, 27. Ambit, 28. Dial, 29. Bed, 30. Noom, 31. Edgy.

Eden Visit To Greece And Turkey

London, Dec. 22.
Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, will visit Greece and Turkey next year at the invitation of the Greek and Turkish Governments, a Foreign Office spokesman confirmed today.

The actual dates of the visit were not yet fixed but it was believed they would take place in the Spring.

Marshall Tito, Yugoslav Prime Minister, will visit Britain from March 23 to 25, and it was expected that Mr. Eden's visit to Greece and Turkey would follow shortly afterwards.—Reuter.

Beefeaters' New Status

London, Dec. 22.
The Beefeaters in the Tower of London broke into the Civil Service today.

For some time they have been Trade Unionists. Now, by agreement with the Ministry of Works, they become civil servants entitled to old-age pensions.

The pensions issue raised quite a problem because Beefeaters attain great age, and are inclined to stick to their jobs. It was finally decided that any of them now less than 55 years old should get a pension if they ever thought of retiring.

A Ministry statement said it was regretted that "one wonderful character" who is still showing off the dungeons to tourists, will not qualify for a pension in the unlikely event that he should tire of his work. He is 84.—Associated Press.

Ben Gurion Forms New Government

Jerusalem, Dec. 22.
The Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, announced today the composition of a new Israeli Government based on a coalition of three parties—Mapai, General Zionists and the Progressive Party.

Premier Gurion made the announcement in Parliament. He had tendered the resignation of his previous coalition government to President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi on Friday.

The new coalition allies, the Israel Labour Party (Mapai) and the free enterprise General Zionist Party, came to terms on Thursday on a programme forecasting a more liberal economic policy. It aims at stabilising prices and currency.

Premier Ben Gurion announced that for the first time Hebrew would be the official language of modern Israel, though the Arab minority would be able to use their own language.

In announcing the new Government's policy he stressed the paragraphs on the equality of all citizens and their freedom of speech and association.

The 20-point Government programme includes the strengthening of the defence forces, friendship with all countries and fostering the right of all Jews everywhere to immigrate to Israel.

STILL BROADER?
The Premier deplored the existence of no fewer than 18 factions in the Knesset (National Assembly) eight of which numbered only one or two members.

Hinting that a still broader coalition government was possible, which might include the religious party, he said the Ministries of Posts, Religious Affairs and Social Welfare had not yet been assigned.

NEW OIL APPROACH TO IRAN

London, Dec. 22.
Mr. Loy Henderson, United States Ambassador, is to make an oil approach to Persia which Mr. Eden discussed last week with the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson. Mr. Henderson is due back in Teheran tomorrow.

Mr. Henderson was called to Washington for consultations. He is now on his way back to Persia by air.

The substance of the proposal for reopening oil negotiations with Persia is a plan for associating the major oil companies with the transport and marketing of Persian oil.

Mr. Eden reported to the Cabinet today the terms of the Anglo-American approach to Persia on the oil deadlock. Following the Paris talks, it has been definitely decided that Britain, which is not in diplomatic relations with Persia, should not be associated with the first stage of Mr. Henderson's approach.

NOT AGREED
It is known that Anglo-American agreement has not been reached on the attitude to be adopted by the two powers in all stages of the discussions with Persia which might follow. The main topic which Mr. Eden discussed with the Cabinet today was believed to be the later stages of the proposed exchanges with Persia on which Britain has not so far reached agreement with the United States.

A fundamental point of British policy is to secure effective compensation for the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, whose concession in Persia has been curtailed by nationalisation, before agreeing to permit the sale of Persian oil in world markets.

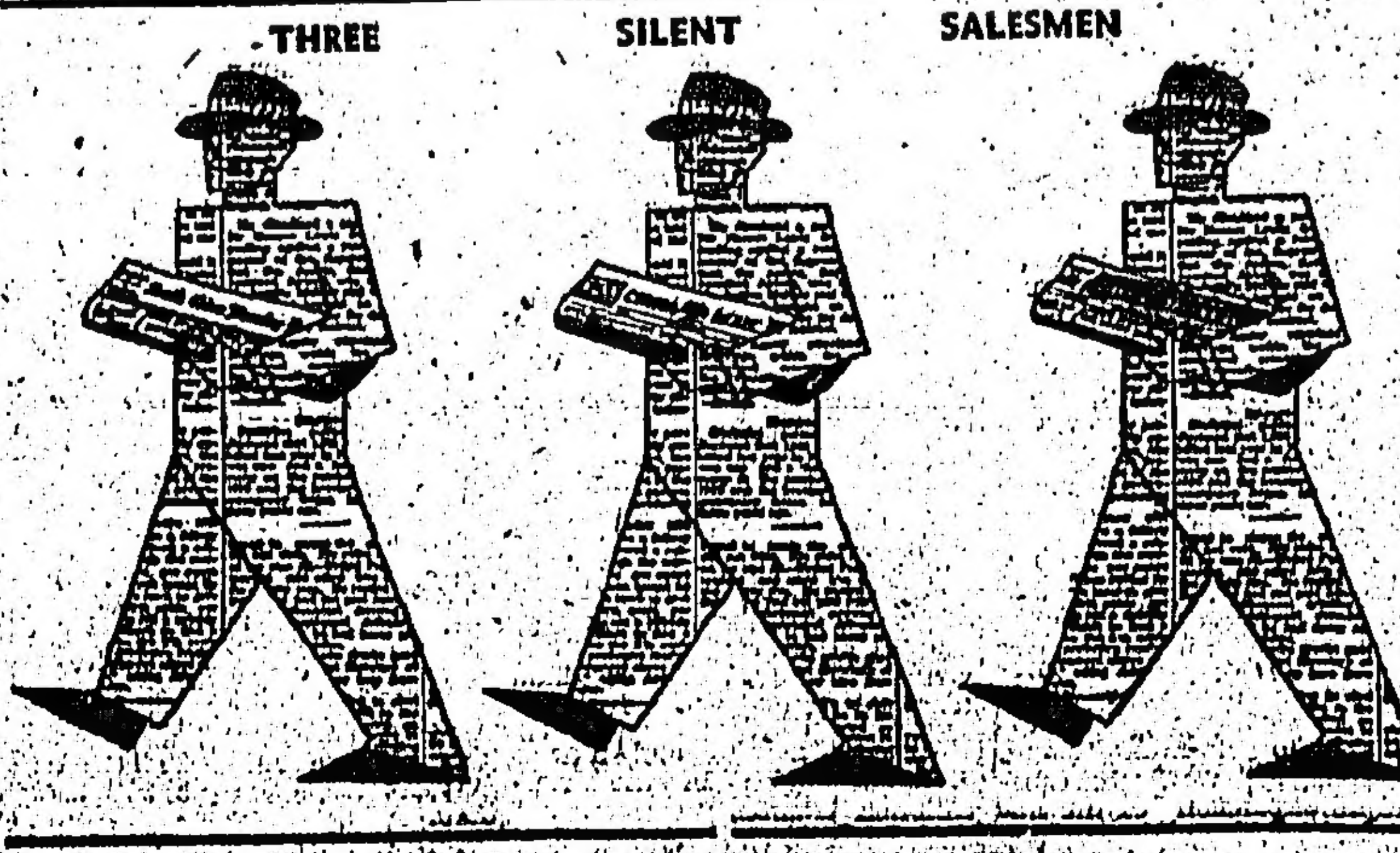
Mr. Eden, who returned to London from Paris last Friday, is leaving for the country on Wednesday with his wife for a few days Christmas holiday.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Dec. 22.
The Welfare Ministry today announced that dysentery cases in Japan are expected to climb to nearly 110,000 cases this year.

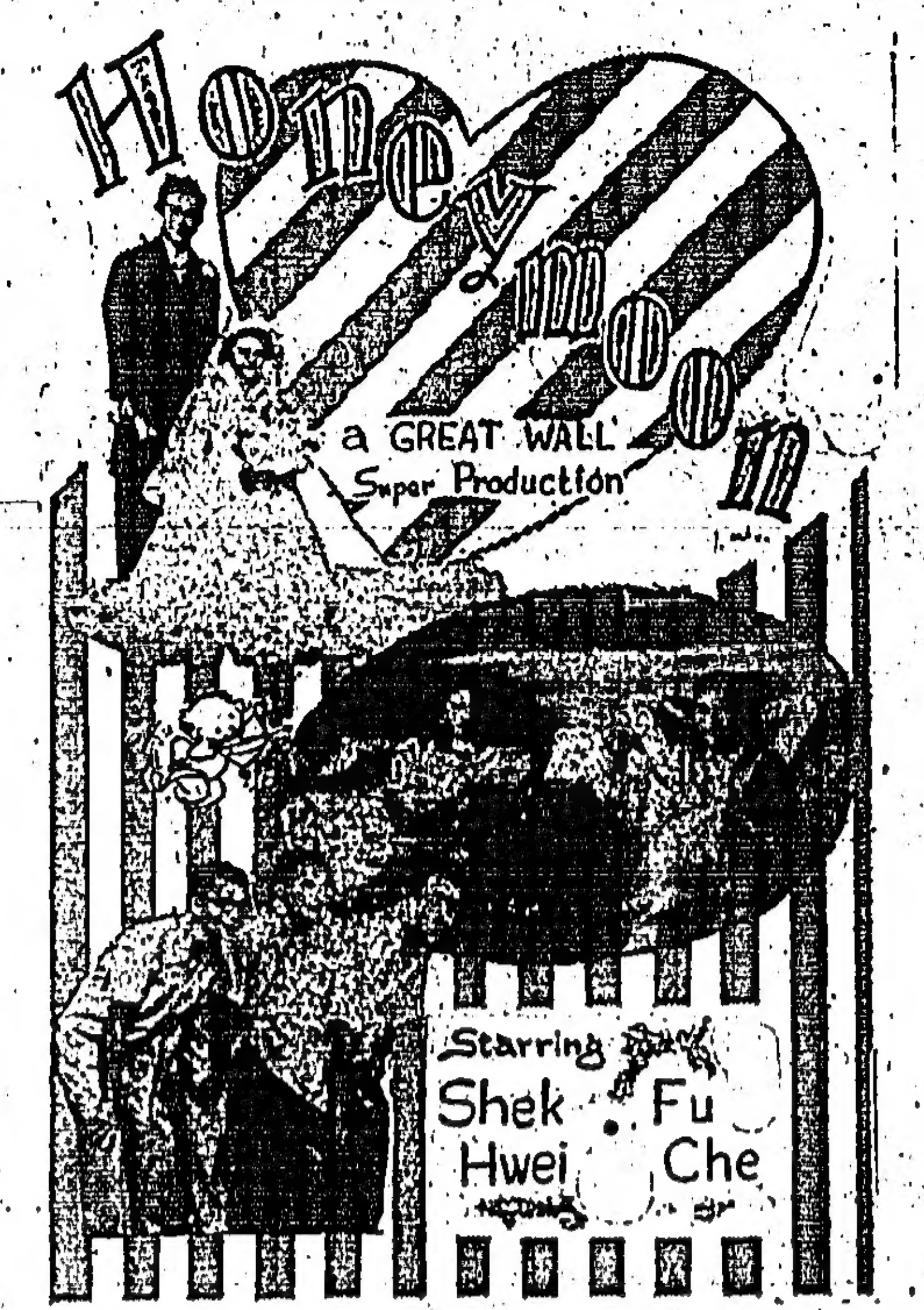
The Ministry added that the prevalence of the disease is partly due to bacillus becoming immune to new medicines which are not administered correctly.—Reuter.

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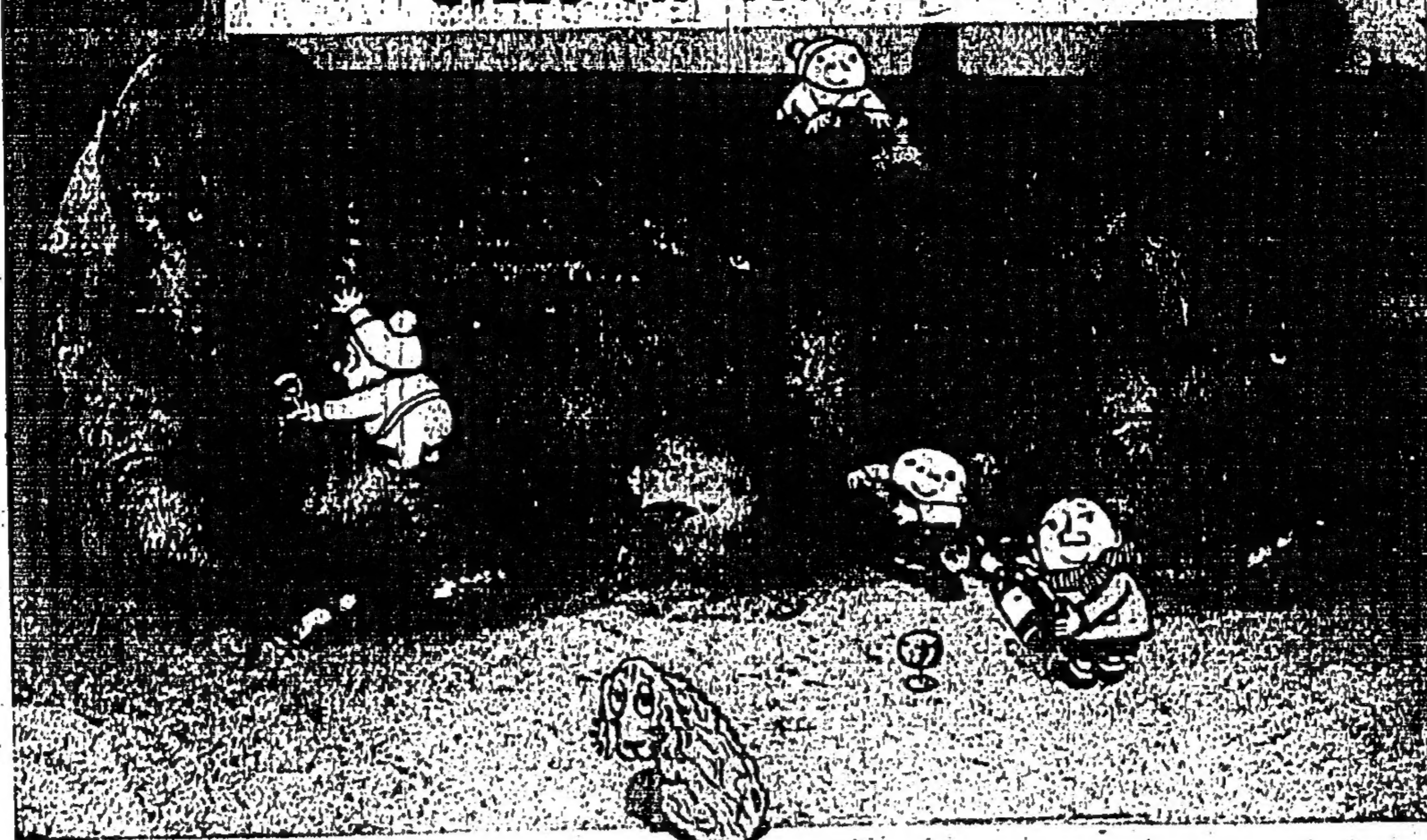
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"You're very naughty to give the elephants Daddy's last bottle of Scotch."

The Old Adam And The 'New Soviet Man'

By HUGO DEWAR

IN literature and on the stage we must show the Soviet man—the builder of the future—in such a light that the audience and the whole world will see the moral and spiritual superiority of people who have been reared in a Socialist society. It is the moral and ideological superiority of our people which makes our representatives superior to all others in the world tribunal. (Soviet Literary Gazette, November 23, 1946).

According to Soviet publicists, in this new Soviet type of man all the "old Adam" has been extinguished and all the best qualities brought to the pitch of perfection. Those whose knowledge of the Soviet Union is confined to the claims put out by Soviet propaganda accept this boast without question. They fondly believe that, in the short space of 35 years, human nature, in the Soviet Union, has been transformed. There the over-riding concern of each individual is for the welfare of society as a whole. There, apart from a few backward-sliders or "hostile elements" all have cleansed themselves of the sins of avarice and acquisitiveness, gluttony and greed; in short, of all those evil qualities that allegedly characterise the non-Soviet type of man.

BUT, ALAS!

It is an alluring picture. Would that it were true! But alas, the Soviet press itself, which is not intended for perusal beyond the Iron Curtain—has another tale to tell. One or two stories culled from it will give us a closer understanding of Soviet reality.

The deputy chairman of the Abovstrost Trust, a quiet, docile man, but his wife, book-keeper in the finance department, is a "worldly, fashion-

able" woman. One day she says to her husband: "I want to go to a spa."

"Well, my dear!" he replies, "just wait until my salary..."

"Wait!" she interrupts indignantly. "What! You, the head of a department, and you can't arrange for your wife to go to a spa?"

Yes, it is true, the husband reflects: what sort of a head am I if I can't manage a little thing like that? I'm in charge of the trade union funds, and she really does need a rest. Let's send her to a spa for a month.

CONVERSION

SO the matter is arranged. Of course, it is not simple, because, in the first place, free holidays are only for workers with outstanding production records. So the deputy chairman's wife has somehow to be converted into a factory worker on paper, of course. After that, everything goes smoothly.

But when Kropinov, head of Department No. 6, hears of this he reacts strongly. What Perpetua has sent his wife off to a spa and mine has to stay at home! I won't stand for that! So he sends for the deputy chairman of the social insurance committee of the workers' council and orders him to make arrangements for a free holiday for Madame Kropinov. Kropinov can be very cur and quick-tempered when he likes, and he properly frightens the Party "activists".

The only way to carry out his wishes, they feel, is to do what Perpetua has done. With the connivance of the personnel manager, a certificate is prepared showing that Madame Kropinov is not a housewife at all but a motor mechanic. Then they sit down and doctor the minutes of a

workshop committee to make it appear that the application of motor mechanic Kropinova for a free holiday has been discussed and agreed to, "since she is one of the best Stakhanovite workers".

This illuminating little tale is no phenomenon, as any student of the Soviet press must know. It is taken from the trade union paper Trud, of September 6, 1951. And since then this kind of activity has clearly not been checked. The humorous journal Krokodil has published numerous cartoons on the subject and the following appeared in September, 1952.

Father, mother and small son are seen seated at a table groaning with good things: roast chicken, a sucking pig, mussels and so on. The boy says to his father: "Daddy, you've been auditing a kolkhoz, haven't you?"

TWO PALS

KROKODIL of October 10, 1952, expanded on the theme in the following tale, entitled "Two Pals".

The Director of the District Peda Combine at Kromov, B.M. Pushchukov, holds accountant Golyakov in high esteem. For Golyakov is a conscientious worker, whose books are always in order, who can put his hand on any document at a moment's notice, who pays wages on time, and—in short—is never at a loss.

In fact, neither of these two are ever at a loss. And their friendship is cemented by the Combine's pigs! Very understanding animals, these pigs! Even before the Director's wife is aware that meat is getting low in the larder a pig falls ill, and, of course, has to be slaughtered. Everything is done according to the regulations: the meat is to be sold at 20 much per kilo (a third of the

market price) to whoever may want it...and Golyakov enters it all very properly in the books.

Pigs, of course, grow from piglets—which are delicious at six months. The Director's wife simply adores them. Whenever she sees one she says to her husband: "Let's have one, it's so sweet!" So the Director pays a nominal sum and, to keep the stock figures right, replaces the purloined piglet with another bought on the market. True, there is a difference in the price, but that's Golyakov's worry—he knows how to work these things.

COVER UP

Oh, yes, he knows quite a lot. This Golyakov—all about food "missing" from the stores and food "going bad" to the extent of a loss of 10,000 roubles in a single year. The Director also owes 2,000 roubles for rent, lighting and radio... But they cover up nicely for each other, these two, and live very pleasantly—at the State's expense.

The amount of space devoted to the Soviet press to this kind of material, its wide range, and the fact that it is nearly always directed against persons in relatively high positions shows that the boasts about the "new Soviet man" have little foundation in fact in the real Soviet world.

BERNARD WICKSTEED sends a personal story from Korea which suggests that the Army hasn't changed very much

I COULDN'T STRIKE A LIGHT... SO I STRUCK A BARGAIN

IF you have got enough influence in the Army today, that is to say if you are on drinking terms with the quartermaster-sergeant, you can sometimes get hold of a contrivance called the paraffin pressure lamp.

In theory it is supposed to be an improvement on the old-fashioned candle stuck in a bottle with which the soldier lights up his tent or hootchie (the new name for dugout).

But the troops are beginning to wonder if it is not really a secret Chinese weapon designed to send the British Army mad.

Once you get the thing going it is all right, but it is supposed to be lit with methylated spirit, and this the Army does not issue. The only methylated spirit in Korea is the limited supply used by doctors for rubbing on your arm when they give you a jab with the needle.

Something odd

QUITE all right for the chaps who heard about this. They got away with it. They went up to the M.O. or one of the medical orderlies, and asked casually for the loan of a little meth.

But by the time Wickstead got his hands on a pressure lamp—by methods that would not stand a detailed investigation—the Royal Army Medical Corps had begun to suspect that something odd was going on.

"What do you want it for?" the M.O. asked. "Everybody asking for methylated spirit? Has the entire British Army taken to drinking it or what? Everyone from generals down to the newest recruits are lining up for methylated spirit."

As I went out, empty bottled, an orderly whispered: "Try the petrol pump, sir. That's where we draw our supplies."

So down Wickstead went to the petrol pump where you can get anything from a Jerry-can to a forty-gallon drum of petrol by simply asking for it. But a tiny bottle of methylated spirit? No, sir, you have to have a doctor's certificate for that. We were back where we started.

An ingenious old soldier had the next idea. Why not solid fuel tablets? They are issued to troops for cooking in the front line and should be just the thing.

A deal was done with a corporal who had acquired a supply and didn't know what to do with them. They had fallen off an American truck.

They burned beautifully with the same hot, blue flame as methylated spirit, but gave off such fearful fumes that we staggered choking from the tent.

In the gathering dusk we looked at the container and were just able to read "CAUTION. Breathing the fumes of combustion may cause DEATH."

A swop

WITH a reproachful look I gave them all back to the corporal and once again we were back where we started—except that by this time it was dark.

The only thing left was to try petrol. Everyone said it wouldn't work, and it didn't. It filled the place with smoke and covered the lamp, the inside of the tent, and Wickstead, with soot, but it didn't provide enough heat to get the men seriously going.

Next day I swapped the lamp with a newly arrived subaltern for an electric torch and six candles. He thought he had made a terrific bargain. Little does he know. Hal Hal!

POCKET CARTOON BY OSBERT LANCASTER



"Heavens above, Miss Loveday! Don't you realise THAT medal doesn't come off the Secret List until after Christmas!"

DAVID LEWIN on a satin-lined safari

Honey-Bear Ava turns up with a Sinatra tuck-box

Kagera River, Tanganyika. HONEY BEAR AVA and two New York-bred leopards arrived here just after a pride of lions made a dawn raid on the camp.

To greet Ava Gardner (Honey Bear is her film nickname in "Mogambo") which is being made in the bush here, a red carpet is provided.

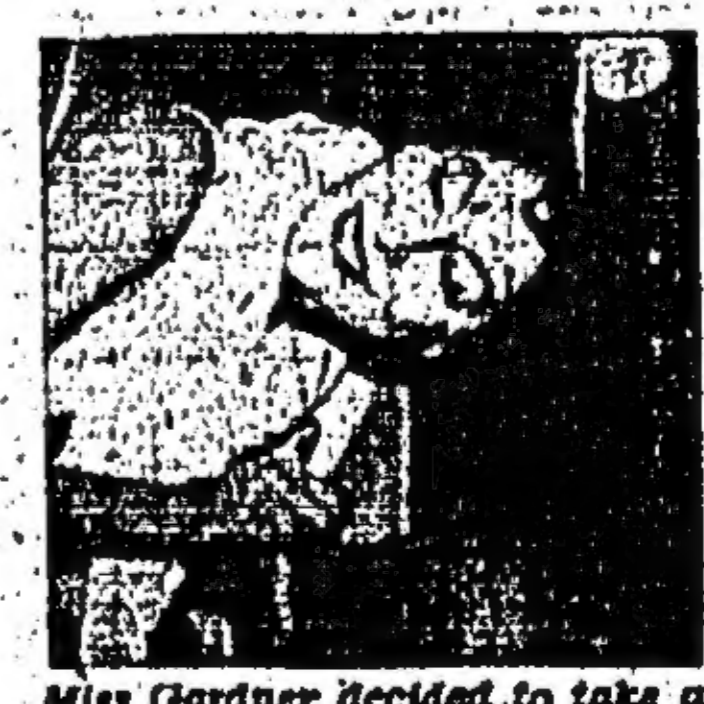
To greet the rare and expensive black leopards there is M and B for one who is sick, and a shop-polish-like lotion to paint over the bald patch on the rear of the other.

ROARING OFF

The lions—three of them—are greeted by armed white hunters and roar off around the camp perimeter "a mile away".

To add to the thrills of this satin-lined safari, Miss Gardner brings with her from sick leave in London two crates of special drinking water in bottles and a tuck-box provided by husband Frank Sinatra.

This contains everything from breakfast cereal to steaks, both in abundant supply here. Ava's camp neighbours are her English companion-secretary Eileen Thomas, actress Grace Kelly, co-star Clark Gable, director John Ford, and cameraman Bob Bates. Honey Bear's introduction to work comes fast. Down in the



Miss Gardner decided to take a shower.

forest something stir—nothing serious, only three acrobatic eagles specially flown in to manufacture a hurricane.

Clark Gable and Grace Kelly battle through it. It looks uncomfortable, but Gable says: "Don't worry about actors. They are always comfortable."

Then Honey Bear Ava comes to Gable's four-roomed jungle bungalow.

Miss Gardner is to take a shower on the rear verandah. She strips off and 80 gallons of river water start to spray over her. The water is suitably boiled, filtered, purified, tested, and slightly scented first. After lunch, Eileen, Allen, the head while hunter, goes off to chase out the lions, who are still around the camp. It is then that Lewin meets a lion.

Suddenly a rush, a tawny streak, and a lion leaps from the undergrowth in front of us and over the bonnet of our car, followed immediately by another.

Everyone in the cast is working now. West End actor Larry Nnamdi, as a river captain, is piloting an animal armada up a stream. Phil Stalton and Eric Fohmann are Gable's assistants; unload the cargo.

There is a worrying moment when a giraffe falls on Stalton. "Worrying for the giraffe, that is," says Stalton—he weighs 18½ stone.

DE-TANNED

But when it comes to Donald Sinden, 29-year-old British actor whose first film part was a lead in "The Cruel Sea," the camera crew may be too sunburned to appear as a new arrival. The problem is solved by de-tanning him with baking powder.

As the sun sets we sit around outside our luxury tents, wait for the evening film performance at the outdoor cinema, and reflect on the hardships of winter life in London.

Ava Gardner sighs: "Some fun, she says, finishing off a sun-baked African film in a British studio—probably with snow on the ground outside."

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Heed Danger Signs;
Grow Old Easily

NORTH		1	
♠ Q 10 9 7			
♥ Q 8 3			
♦ 10 8 4			
♣ K 4			
WEST		EAST	
♠ K 5 2		♠ 8 6	
♥ 7 6		♥ J 7 6 4	
♦ J 7 2		♦ A 3	
♣ 10 8 5 3		♣ A Q 9 7 2	
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A J 4 3			
♥ A 10 5 2			
♦ K Q 5			
♣ J 6			
Neither side vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♥ K			

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN a horn blows while you're crossing the street, you usually make a wild dash for the nearest sidewalk. This may not be dignified, and you may give the horn a day's look, but it's a good way to grow old.

The same sort of thing happens in bridge. When a loud danger signal goes off in your ear that's the time to jump. Today's card story is about a player who forgot to jump.

West didn't see how he could beat two shades without some sort of luck and ingenuity, so he opened the king of hearts. This sort of opening lead shrieked out loud that West had only one more heart, and was trying to get a ruff. It also indicated that West was a bit desperate with a bad hand, so that East probably had most of the high cards.

Having seen the danger, South should have gone right after the trump by laying down the ace and continuing with a low trump. The contract would be safe if East had the ace or jack of diamonds, or if the opponents failed to take two club tricks.

But South didn't want to be rushed, so he didn't jump for safety. He won the first trick with the ace of hearts and tried to get to dummy with the king of clubs in order to try a trump finesse. East took the ace of clubs and returned the three of diamonds.

South won with the king of diamonds and played the ace of clubs to reach dummy by leading a low heart to dummy's queen. This brilliant manoeuvre enabled him to take a losing trump finesse to West's king.

West was no longer expected to beat the contract, but his partner had led diamonds so he obediently returned the suit. East took the ace of diamonds and carefully cashed the queen of clubs. From there, deliberately omitting to cash the jack of hearts, East led the seven of hearts.

West was obliged to ruff, which gave him the lead. Since there was no other chance, West returned a low diamond to find that East could ruff. This was the slight defensive trick, so South had found a way to go down one trick.

♥CARD SERIES

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been: South West North East
1 Diamond 1 Heart A-3-4
Heart 1 Spade 2 Clubs 3-4
K-4-4. What do you do?

A—Bid three diamonds. If your partner can stop the hearts, there should be a reasonable play for three no-trump; otherwise, for five diamonds. At any rate, your bid suggests excellent support for diamonds in a hand that is roughly worth an opening bid in its own right.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South hold: Spade A-3-4, Clubs K-4-5-6-7-8-9, Hearts K-4-5-6-7-8-9, Diamonds K-4-5-6-7-8-9-10. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

INTELLIGENCE TEST

There and Back

By T. O. HARE

It is 31 miles from Blackthorn to Whiteoaks. One day last week, Magneto left Blackthorn to drive to Whiteoaks and back, and Gearbox left Whiteoaks to drive to Blackthorn and back, at the same moment. Magneto maintained a uniform speed on the outward journey, increased his speed on the return journey, and returned at a uniform speed of 15 miles per hour. Gearbox drove at a uniform speed of 10 miles per hour on the outward journey, and returned at the same time. What was Magneto's speed on the outward journey?

(Solution on Page 10)

DUMB BELLS

TELL ME, GRANDPA, WERE YOU EVER EATEN BY CANNIBALS?



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE telling of a very long bed into a lion, for a very tall man, reminded me of the laiky magnate who bought an old mansion, furniture and all.

He complained to his secretary that the bed in the chief bedroom was too short for him. "It's a Louis Quinze," said the secretary gravely. "What's that?" asked the man of business. "A Louis fifteen," said the secretary. "Well, it's too short. Get a Louis sixteen," roared the magnate.

In passing

Red Beards on the warpath

A DISHEARTENING sight met Mrs. Wretch's eyes when she returned from delivering a lecture on embezzlement to the Past-Worthy Social Group. Nobody had told her that the Twelve Red Beards had joined the Wretched Circle, and had been sent to remind her of the old days. At first she could not account for a grinning pyramid in the hall, consisting of Scorpion, de Noo, LEO, and GILLYOTT. Farjole Merrybody, and Edelstein, Edelstein, Edelstein, rolled like a ball across the floor. Moloney Tubber stood on his head in the Colonel's bowler. Churn Ricewind

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

BORN on the first day of the incoming sign, Capricorn, you will find that you are a good deal of time, you give you a sixth sense to deal with the problems of mankind. Your own particular way of retaining some of the qualities of the outgoing sign, being born on the cusp, this mixture is bound to make you an individual of unique and rather exceptional talent. Since you will be able to do a number of things better than the average, your major difficulty may be in selecting any one thing that you prefer to do, and to make it a life work.

Fortunately, you have a good business sense and seem to know how to make money out of all your original ideas. Your imagination is exceptionally vivid, and you should learn to direct it toward a definite goal in early age. You are not much of a talker, and are not

apt to give away your dreams, or ideas, for fear you will think most things out very carefully before committing yourself, and are a fine writer. You have the gift of the written word, and a general acquaintance with the sciences, especially much to the surprise of those who know you only casually.

You have a deep interest in the welfare of mankind, and would prove a powerful protagonist for some worthy cause. You are not impulsive when it comes to romance, and will probably wait until you are acquainted with a man before you prove a happy and contented one. Fond of children, you will want a large family of your own.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star, and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

as well as the children on this Christmas Eve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Don't place too much dependence upon a rumour you heard this evening. Check for the truth, first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22): Spend the evening at home with the members of your family in the good, old traditional fashion.

A fine day for those last-minute shopping details you may have neglected. Forgetful of the time, you may find yourself at the door at midnight.

MINOR economies at this time may save severe headaches after the first day of the new year.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Concentrate on a achievement, an important goal in your career. You can get what you want.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Make this happy Christmas Eve at home with your family. Prepare for the children's day tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): Remain calm and patient with young children. They may be overly excited in anticipation of tomorrow.

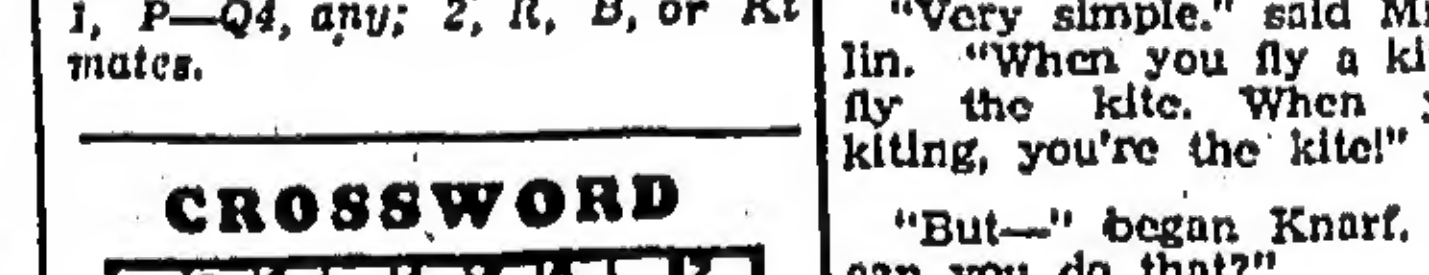
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): Tomorrow is a special day for the children. Prepare for them, making preparations for them.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): Consider the elders in your family.

CHESSE PROBLEM

By W. MAY

Black, 8 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-Q4, any; 2. R, B, or K mates.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Bird to sling round a sailor. (5)

6. Festive column. (5)

10. Pale in mountainous fashion. (4)

12. Sense is alien to him. (5)

14. Pastoral. (5)

16. Top the bees may be on the rose. (5)

18. A type of 14 in return. (3)

20. Fish. (4)

21. Get into debt. (3)

22. Slight corp. (4)

24. Repeat. (4)

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1. Announce a condition. (5)

2. Call up for help on eye. (5)

3. Legation in drink. (5)

4. Synonym of two thirds of a. (3)

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WOMANSENSE



MARGARET LEIGHTON submitted to the JOHN FRENCH camera test which probes the question: "Does your mantelpiece give you away?"

ON view: A "junk" clock bought for 30s. at a sale; a Sevres plate; two gold candlesticks with red candles; two Staffordshire dogs; roses and lilies of the valley in a small vase; a pebble and mortar in red china and gold; two note-books; lists; pencils—and invitations galore tucked into every bit of spare space.

"In theory," said Miss Leighton, "I like mantelpieces to be tidy and ornamental—but it's an uphill fight. I spend all day standing up huddled over

The Brunt of her home Hotch-Potchery

the fire because I get so cold, and so everything automatically finds its way on to the mantelpiece. I do all my serious correspondence leaning on it. I do have a desk, but it hasn't got a chair in front of it, so it has just turned into another cupboard, which I never use." Miss Leighton agrees with the verdict.

Any place she lives, becomes rather like a theatre dressing-room after she has been there a long time. Nothing matches and it all turns into a hotch-potch of given or collected odds and ends. And, of course, the Leighton mantelpiece gets the brunt of the hotch-potchery.

Joanna Pace's "I" OBSERVATIONS

I WISH MORE people would have MORE small tables at informal tea parties, so that I could have somewhere to put my sardine-on-toast while I'm struggling with a cup of tea and elusive spoon in saucer.

I OBSERVE a new horror in the Christmas-present problem. Friends have drawn up a hopeful list of gifts they would find acceptable. First item: A wash-ling machine.

I WONDER why some of my friends still think it's "pretty" to serve wine in tinted glasses that kill the colour of the drink?

I CONGRATULATE a certain couple who have got over the problem of guests who don't know when to leave. At a quiet signal from Mother, their young daughter neatly rounds up the men's hats in the hall. It is quite a hint!

(London Express Service)

Christmas Dinner

Sioux Style

Here is the menu for the typical Sioux City (USA) Christmas dinner, that will be enjoyed in this setting:

Hot Spiced Fruit Juice;
Cranberry Cocktail;
Celery Olives Jellies Rolls
Roast Turkey Bread Stuffing
Gravy Mashed Potatoes
Escalloped Onions Grapefruit
Avocado Salad
Christmas Style
Plum Pudding
Rum Flavoured Sauce
Nuts Coffee

Hot Spiced Fruit Juice

Almost any kind of fruit juice may be used. Grapefruit juice, raspberry juice or currant juice are appetizing and colourful. To each cup of fruit juice add a little honey or sugar to sweeten, 2 whole cloves, and a 2" piece of stick cinnamon. Heat in a double boiler, but do not overcook, as this imparts the flavour and colour. Strain out the spice; serve in small cups, or use today bowls. In this case float a very thin slice of lemon on top.

Cranberry Cocktail

First make the sauce. To do this, combine 2 tsp. prepared horseradish, 3 tsp. tomato ketchup, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, 2 dashes tabasco and salt to taste, then chill. Just before serving, stir in 2 c. chilled lump cranberry or use tinned cranberry, from which all shell has been carefully removed. Toss gently with the sauce so the cranberry will not be broken up. Line sherbet cups with small heart leaves of lettuce. Heap in the cranberry cocktail mixture; top with a stuffed olive.

Suggestion of the Chef

For grapefruit and avocado salad Christmas style, peel and cut the sections from 1 large grapefruit. Peel 1 avocado, cut in long thin strips. Arrange star-shaped on shredded lettuce. Decorate with pomegranate seeds for a touch of red. Pass French dressing.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Merlin's Magic Kiting

—It's Lots of Fun, But Only He Can Do It!

By MAX TRELL

KNARE and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were just starting to walk up the hill when they met their friend Mr. Merlin, the magician. They were surprised to see that he was wearing a long, red cloak, to the end of which was tied a streamer of torn rags and ribbons, like the tail of a kite. It dragged behind him as he walked. Under his arm, the magician carried a large ball of string.

After greeting Mr. Merlin, Knarf and Hanid asked him if he was going to fly a kite.

Won't Fly a Kite

Mr. Merlin smiled. "Well, I'm not exactly going to fly a kite. I'm going to do a little kiting myself."

"Kiting?" said Hanid in surprise.

"What's that?" asked Knarf.

"Very simple," said Mr. Merlin. "When you fly a kite, when you go kiting, you're the kite!"



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A FIVE-POINT PLAN TO PROTECT FIGHTERS

Keep Death Out Of The Ring

Says **BERNARD EATON**

Within a month of one another Honore Pratesi, French flyweight, and Leonard Davidson, amateur featherweight, died after fights in British rings.

This brings the death toll among boxers in Britain in the past five years to the total of 14 and in the western world as a whole to 70.

Reluctantly—reviewing these figures—I am coming down on the side of Dr. Edith Summerskill and the angels in stating that boxing is the most dangerous, and possibly the most lethal, sport in the world.

Certainly it is the only sport where the aim is to batter an opponent into a state of insensibility or so to impair him physically that it is impossible for the contest to continue.

And an official organ of the American Medical Association states categorically that boxing has produced more deaths per number of participants than any other sport.

But much more far-reaching than death is the mental and physical condition among boxers known to the boxing fraternity as "slap happy," "sluggish," "cutting paper dolls" or "not having enough brains to have a headache."

The amount of punch drunkenness among amateur and professional boxers is immeasurable—but according to doctors familiar with the problem 50 per cent of active fighters are punch-drunk to some degree.

And Britain's medical journal, the Lancet, states that 5 per cent are "punchy"—after only five years in the ring and 60 per cent develop mental and emotional changes.

DAMAGE TO BRAIN

The Lancet further states that it is probable that no head blow is taken with impunity and that each knock-out causes definite and irreparable damage to the brain.

An unknown number of the victims of punch-drunkenness end their lives in mental hospitals, state doctors, and the rest spend their lives in a mental twilight from which there is no reprieve.

For punch drunkenness is the result of many blows to the head which permanently damage the brain. The damage is caused because when a punch lands the brain hits the skull and minute haemorrhages form.

In the case of Davidson the haemorrhage was large. Edgeware Hospital's pathologist stated that it had formed between the brain and the skull.

Normally these haemorrhages heal and tiny scars take their place. But each scar means the loss of a certain number of brain cells and when this process is carried on over a period of years the effects can be disastrous.

TRAGIC EFFECTS

And the effects are often tragic.

Don Fontaine, Canadian middleweight, was notorious in the boxing world as an extreme "punchy."

Charged with killing his fiancée he pleaded insanity on these grounds.

He was hanged, but his doctor's report clearly showed that his central nervous system had been affected.

And stories of boxers who remember nothing after the earliest stages of a fight are legion.

It even happened to champion Jack Dempsey.

He once fought on successfully after taking a blow to the chin, but remembered nothing of the fight after that and did not know he had won until he was told the result in his dressing room.

Leeds To Give Leslie Driffeld Civic Reception

London, Dec. 22. Leslie Driffeld, the 39-year-old World, English and All-India Amateur Billiards Champion, arrived home in Leeds this afternoon. He had reached London by air from India on Sunday.

Driffeld was met in Leeds by his three young daughters to whom he had given a promise to return in time to act as Father Christmas. He is to be given a civic reception—France-Press.

ARCHIE MOORE READY TO MEET TURPIN

New York, Dec. 22. Archie Moore's manager officially notified the State Athletic Commission here today that the newly-crowned Lightweight Champion is ready to defend his title against Andy Turpin at the Madison Square Garden on March 1, 1933.

One expert states that every champion will have experienced this once or twice—at least in his career.

THREE DAYS LOST

Such cases of temporary loss of memory have occurred even among University students, who box under carefully controlled conditions and with many safeguards.

One student boarded a train after a bout and travelled 100 miles before he recalled who he was. Others have noticed difficulty in concentration and loss of interest in intellectual matters.

Concern about this "punchy" state caused Finnish doctors of the Red Cross to examine eight Finnish amateur boxers with an electro-encephalograph—the machine which measures brain waves.

In only one case were the electrical brain waves normal. Defenders of boxing may quote the case of Gene Tunney, who reached the heights, but kept a keen intellect.

Yet Tunney "hung up his gloves" because after a bout with a sparring partner he remembered nothing until the

following morning and could not recall the names of his most intimate friends for three days.

In the past 18 months the British Boxing Board of Control has fathered a scheme which, they say, commands the admiration of the boxing authorities of New York State.

After four losing bouts a fighter's licence is reviewed and can be suspended; questions about a fighter's health have to be answered by a doctor before he can get a licence; signs of punch drunkenness are watched for by all boxing officials.

The Board estimate that 100 licences have been suspended permanently in 18 months and that their scheme is as near fool-proof as possible.

This scheme seems to me to be an admirable move in the right direction. But two other progressive steps have been blocked by boxing authorities.

A proposal by the medical sub-committee of the Boxing Board that the age limit for boxers' licences be raised from 18 to 18 years was defeated at a meeting of licence holders last year.

This proposal was based on the fact that young people are particularly vulnerable to brain damage because the membrane and supporting tissues of the brain are more delicate.

One astounding admission made during the argument was that many boxers who leave the amateur ranks after their 16th birthday were punch drunk.

Then at the annual general meeting of the Board in May another proposal by the Southern Area that a referee should have the power to invite a medical opinion of a fighter's condition during a bout was defeated.

HORRIFIED PUBLIC

The editor of the British Medical Association's journal, Family Doctor, says that an international committee with medical correspondents in 60 countries is studying the whole problem by following the careers of certain boxers.

I shall not be satisfied until this committee have reported.

For unless the rules are so tightened to preclude the tragedies of the ring, horrified public opinion may outlaw boxing for ever.

THE PLAN

Here is my five-point plan to protect fighters:

1. To use electro-encephalographs for measuring brain waves to determine when a fighter has "had enough";

2. To set an age limit above which a fighter would not be allowed to become a professional;

3. To set a carefully-defined limit to the total number of years in which a man may engage in fighting;

4. To set up machinery which would ensure that no loopholes exist for any fighter, manager, or promoter to by-pass Points Two and Three;

5. To have doctors at the ringside with full power to overrule a referee's decision and stop the contest when they consider a boxer taking part is unfit to continue.

Henley Regatta Dates Set

London, Dec. 22. The 1933 Henley Royal Regatta is to be held from July 1 to 4, it was announced by the Regatta Stewards tonight.

The Queen has consented to become patron of the Regatta.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS



THE DUKE AT HARRINGAY



The Duke of Edinburgh was at Harringay Arena, London, on the night of December 11 for the boxing tournament in aid of the National Playing Fields Association.

Photo shows the Duke congratulating Sammy McCarthy on his victory over Clayton.

GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

Johnny Williams Is Off To The U.S. Again—But Needs More Fights This Time

Heavyweight Champion Johnny Williams, winner by means of a fifth-round knock-out at Harringay over the German-born giant from Luxemburg, Werner Wiegand, is off to the United States again in the New Year.

Manager Ted Broadbent, having repeated in dressing-room pantomime the right cross with which Wiegand was knocked into a heap, considers our Champion can still use the experience to be gained from meeting second-class American heavyweights.

I agree—but not if the trip is to mean just one fight against a fifth-rater, which is what happened last time. Williams is certainly not yet ready for argument with Rocky Marciano, but swallowing tiddlers is no way to advance your cause on the U.S. fight market.

Williams' display against the big loose-limbed Wiegand consisted of four rounds of necessary, but rather hesitant, preparation for 30 seconds of real excitement.

THAT RIGHT CROSS

Just as the customers were beginning to get restive at Williams' hit-and-run examination of Wiegand's ponderous and ill-directed swings, Johnny cut loose with a magnificent right cross to the jaw.

Wiegand crumpled, sought salvation in a clumsy punch or two, and then, after 11 sec. of the fifth round, was knocked flat by consecutive left hooks to the body and chin.

These punches were perfunctory; it was that right-hander that brought Herr Wiegand's hurried visit to London to a summary and horizontal end.

MC CARTHY'S WIN

Prince Philip, obviously enjoying himself at the ringside, is among those who agreed with referee Davidson's verdict that made young Sammy McCarthy a clear but close points winner over Featherweight Champion Ronnie Clayton.

I agreed, too—and got black looks when, on request, I gave my opinion in Clayton's dressing-room.

McCarthy certainly back-pedalled, but the back-peddalling was designed to prevent Clayton getting to work at close quarters—and I consider the strategy both justified and successful.

Clayton's bobbing and weaving defence set McCarthy many problems, but most of them were solved by an always active and nearly always accurate left hand.

GOOD POLICY

In some ringside quarters, McCarthy was criticised for not

using his right often enough. I commend its sparing use. Better to create or await an opening than to sling indiscriminate right-handers in the hope that they hit something.

Clayton, who had McCarthy down for "eight" with a right to the chin in round five, was certainly the boss "inside"—but he failed to get inside often enough. By his constant countering, even on the retreat, McCarthy won four of the 10 rounds on my card. I marked three for Clayton, three even.

WHAT A SURPRISE

Charles Thompson (London Bridge) writes: "What a surprise to find Jack Hobbs selecting Johnny Douglas of Essex as the best bowler he ever played against—of all the great bowlers from Rhodes to Laswood."

Comment: A surprise indeed. Hobbs recalled for me how Douglas could swing the new ball either way, and how he, Hobbs, had had the utmost difficulty in spotting one from the other.

Hobbs added: "If poor old Johnny were alive today, he would say I was the luckiest man in the world to have got runs off him."

J. D. P. Saint (New Malden) writes: "I was born the same day as Jack Hobbs, and your article on his 70th birthday made me feel young again. My only complaint is that you did not mention Hobbs' inspired fielding of cover-point."

Comment: Sorry, Hobbs, with characteristic modesty, skims lightly over his fielding prowess—but points to a scared third finger on his left hand. He injured it, he told me, when he dropped a "dolly" in the long field off the great Walter Brearley at Old Trafford.

BY GEORGE...

Cricketing in a strong wind in Western Australia, the players agreed that the balls be affixed to the stumps with chewing gum. When a ball hit the wicket of Wally Leonard, Western Australia captain, a ball was dis-

lodged, but remained in mid-air on the end of a piece of the gum. Leonard was told to continue his innings. Who's sketching it? —(London Express Service)

RHKGC Junior Championship

Mr. W. S. Vaughan led the list of qualifiers for the Junior Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club with the excellent score of 181 for 30 holes.

Mr. R. D. Bell and Mr. J. Dickson Leach were joint runners-up with 168. Fifty-eight players participated in the competition which was played on Sunday.

Individual scores of the 19 leaders follow:

	O.C.	N.C.	T.
W. S. Vaughan	84	77	161
R. D. Bell	84	84	168
R. D. Leach	84	84	168
R. D. Coombe	87	81	168
A. R. de Pina	87	81	168
R. D. Rogers	87	81	168
R. D. Byde	87	81	168
J. L. Macintyre	84	80	170
R. F. Moore	86	80	172
R. F. Crundall	86	80	172
J. R. Leitch	90	84	174
T. R. MacLean	92	84	176
J. L. Leach	92	84	176
A. G. Dunn	90	87	177
R. F. Davies	88	90	178
R. G. L. Olliphant	88	90	178
F. de Jong	87	91	178
J. L. Neve	88	91	179
J. O. Fole-Hunt	88	91	179

The first named 16 qualified for the match play stages of the Junior Championship. R. G. L. Olliphant qualified owing to his return of 18 for the Old Course.

The following is the draw for the first round which is scheduled to be played on January 6, 1933.

R. D. Davies vs. A. R. de Pina; R. D. Bell vs. T. R. MacLean; J. L. Leach vs. W. L. T. Crundall; W. S. Vaughan vs. R. D. Rogers; R. D. Coombe vs. R. F. Moore; R. D. Byde vs. R. F. Crundall; R. D. Leach vs. R. F. Moore; R. D. Davies vs. R. D. Coombe.

STARTING TIMES

Members wishing to reserve starting times during the holidays please notify the club of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club before 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 24.

THE GAMBOLS



Ill-Behaved Soccer Spectators Liable To Be Expelled

The League Management Committee of the Hongkong Football Association decided at a meeting yesterday that in future hand-bills and posters be printed warning spectators that under the rules of the Association they were liable to expulsion if guilty of improper or insulting behaviour to the referee or players during a match.

Mr J. C. Gulamgani presided at the meeting.

The Committee also dealt with a letter from Mr L. J. Channing regarding a protest which was lodged by the South China Athletic Association in connection with the Senior Challenge Shield soccer match against the Hongkong Police at Boundary Street, on December 7 and which ended in a draw.

The Committee decided to refer Mr Channing's letter to the Emergency Committee to deal with at the same time as the South China protest.

GOVERNOR'S CUP

The Hongkong Football Association's team against the Hongkong Chinese Football Association for the Governor's Cup match on January 1 was also selected.

The team follows: Deacon (Army), Armstrong (Club), Barnicle (RAF), Adonis (Army), Anderson (Club, Captain), Santos (St Joseph's), Hunt (Army), McGregor (RAF), Gardner (Club), McDonald (Club), Osborne (Army). Reserves: Williams (Army), Castille (St Joseph's), Honniball (Sling Tao), Kim Kyu-kwan (Kwong Wah), Pereira (St Joseph's) and Jayes (RAF). Team Manager: Mr L. F. de Souza.

The meeting also arranged that the Senior Shield match between Sling Tao and Kwong Wah, originally fixed for Saturday, January 3, on the Navy ground, be played on Sunday, January 4, on the Club ground, and that the Kowloon Motor Bus versus South China match fixed for that day be played on

the following Tuesday or Thursday, also on the Club ground. Mr R. M. Omer, Secretary of the HKFA, expressed his appreciation for the wholehearted co-operation which had been given by Mr J. R. Henderson of the Hongkong Football Club's rugby section regarding allocation of the Club ground for football matches on certain dates and arranging rugby fixtures which would assist the Association in its predicament over the shortage of grounds.

SPECIAL GATE

At an Inter-Club Sub-Committee meeting of the HKFA, presided over by Mr C. S. Wang, it was decided to arrange for the pre-sale of tickets to the Press and to open a special gate for schoolboys and Servicemen during the Christmas visit over the Chinese New Year holidays.

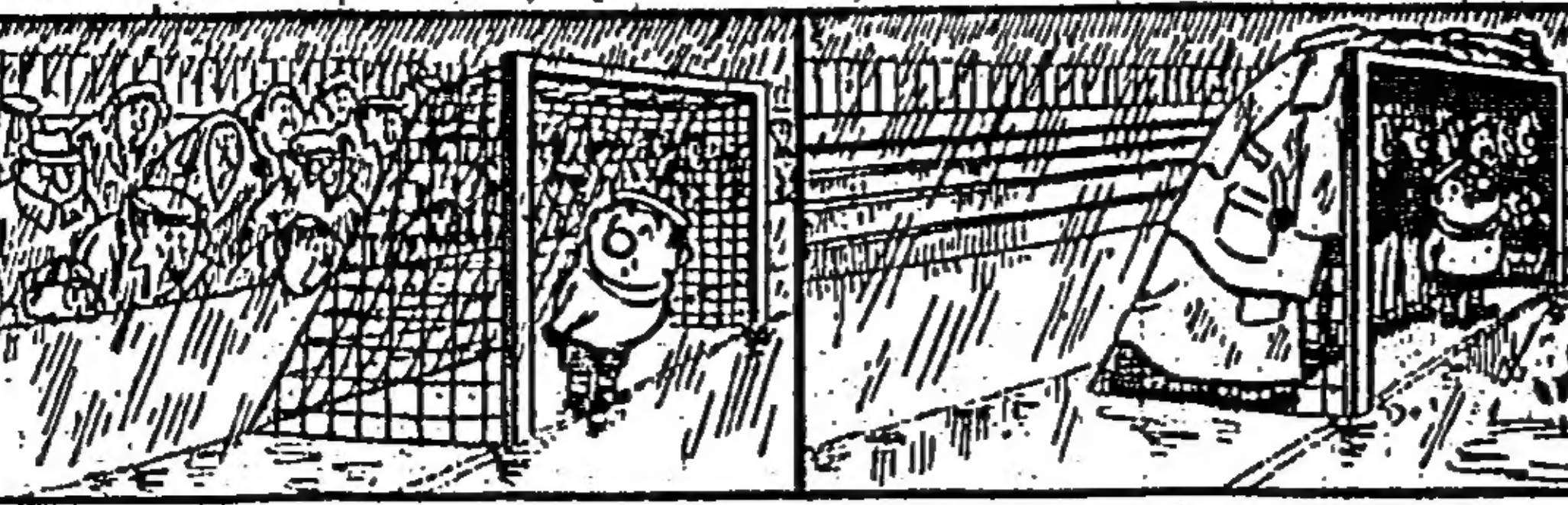
A letter from Mr Wolf Leyberg, who is in charge of the Austrian team, said that January 28, which was suggested as the date for the fourth match on the return of the Austrian team from Macao, was unsuitable. Mr Leyberg suggested other dates which were found unsuitable by the Association, and it was therefore decided to cancel the proposed fourth game.

At a meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the HKFA, held under the chairmanship of Mr A. McAlpine, an appeal of review of sentences imposed on three China Motor Bus Sports Club players last season was considered.

It was decided that the three players, Mok Yul-choi, Ho Yachi and Yuen Fu-hing, could play again as from January 1, 1953.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Moves Have Started To Lure Stanley Matthews Back To His Home Town Club

By ALAN HOBY

A bid has been made to get Stanley Matthews, probably the greatest winger of all time, back to Stoke City, the club which "discovered" him as a schoolboy 22 years ago.

Stoke, who sold Matthews to Blackpool in 1947, asked whether they would consider transferring him back.

Worried by the threat of relegation and falling gates, Stoke have wanted their old star for some time. After their home match with Blackpool, they came out with a firm offer.

This offer, I can reveal, was NOT turned down. Blackpool said they would discuss it at their next board meeting. "We want time to think it over," they said.

MORALE BOOSTER

Stoke manager Frank Taylor told me: "We feel that the return of Matthews would bolster the morale of the boys and help to push the side up the League table."

"He has always been popular in Stoke, even though we let him go to Blackpool after the war. I am certain he would do his old club a power of good."

Mr Taylor said the fee Stoke suggested was "a decent one. Naturally they told us they had received big offers for Matthews from time to time."

"We hope they will give us sympathetic treatment." So the greatest football entertainer I have ever seen—the man who has played 64 times for England—may make a sentimental journey back to the smoky Potteries town where he became a "household name."

HYSTERIA

It was 14 years ago—in 1938—that Matthews first tried to leave Stoke. He caused a sensation by asking for a transfer.

Within a few hours of the headlines declaring that Matthews was "not happy," seven leading industrialists got together and decided to call a public protest meeting.

Soon every hoarding seemed to bear "Stanley Matthews must not go!" bills. Hysteria swept the Potteries.

The whole city stopped working until the matter was adjusted to everyone's satisfaction and Matthews decided to stay.

SURPRISED

Finally the Master did quit the club where he signed as professional at the age of 17 after joining the ground staff straight from school.

And what does he say about the possibility of his return? He contacted Matthews and told him the news.

"There have been rumours that I would return to Stoke," he said. "They have been going on ever since I left Blackpool. Are you sure this is not just another?"

I told him this was fact. He said that, if the deal did go through, he would be willing to go back to help his old club.

All-India Tennis Championships

Calcutta, Dec. 22. Britain's Tony Mottram, seeded No. 1 in the Singles event of the All-India Lawn Tennis Championships here, had an easy passage into the second round today, defeating P. C. Mehta 6-2, 6-4, 6-0.

Mottram was not extended and sailed through comfortably. Britain's 21-year-old Colin Hannam impressed in his first appearance today, defeating Khalid Saigal, 6-0, 6-0 in the first round. Hannam, playing a hard game, carried a powerful service.

Later, partnered by India's Edward Abrecht, he won his Men's Doubles second round match, beating Subban and Shivarno, 6-0, 6-1, 6-0.

Mottram is expected to meet India's No. 2, Nareesh Kumar, in the semi-final. He is also fancied with Mrs Mottram to win the Mixed Doubles. Associated Press.

COLONY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Colony Squash Championships will begin on January 12. Entries will close on January 8. Entry forms are available from the Hongkong Cricket Club and United Services Club.

BADMINTON LEAGUE

In the "C" Division Badminton League match played yesterday, Tylam beat Hongkong University by 7 matches to two.

The results were: Singles: Ko Wal-bong beat S. K. Leong 15-8, beat B. Dhabher 15-11; U. Sei Lip beat Leong 15-5, beat Dhabher 10-16; C. H. Wong beat Gilbert T. 15-8. Doubles: Ko Wal-bong and U. Sei Lip lost to Leong and Dhabher 15-21; beat G. Tye and Tony Goh 21-8; Peppo Arcull and C. H. Wong lost to Leong and Dhabher 15-21; beat Tye and Goh 21-3.

H.K. BEAT JAPAN AT TABLE TENNIS

Hongkong beat the Japanese table tennis stars 5-4 in a series of exhibition matches at the Chinese YMCA, Bridges Street, last night.

The Japanese players took part in the recent Asian Championships at Singapore.

Results: Fu Chi-long beat Hayashi 2-0; Sit Shui-chor beat Satoh 2-0; Chung Chin-shing beat Taniguchi 2-0; Hayashi beat Sit Shui-chor 2-1; Taniguchi beat Fu Chi-long 2-1; Chung Chin-shing beat Satoh 2-0; Taniguchi beat Sit Shui-chor 2-0; Fu Chi-long beat Satoh 2-0.

HKFA Dinner

Sir Arthur Morse Appeals For Loyalty To The Association

Play the game, play it well, play it hard but play it fair was advice given by the Hon. Sir Arthur Morse as President of the Hongkong Football Association at a dinner at the Ying King Restaurant last night.

The occasion was the Association's annual dinner to Players, Referees and the Press—a large gathering which also heard Sir Arthur appeal to members to give their loyalty to the Association.

Sir Arthur began his speech with a tribute to "Our Players," and his remarks that "we all really owe everything to our players," were received by exclamations of "hear, hear" and loud applause.

But he would like to add, Sir Arthur said, that players should realise and fully appreciate that they owed a great deal to the administrators.

The Hongkong Football Association controlled the game and ran it in the interests of all concerned. He thought it was not fully appreciated or realised how much depended on having a strong central body not subjected to all sorts of interests or trying to get certain things through to suit certain individuals.

THE FIRST DUTY

Clubs must realise, Sir Arthur continued, that they were represented on the Football Association's Council and that it was there that there should be open and clear discussions of all questions. One of the things which had disappointed him had been the failure of people to see and realise the functions of the Association.

Sir Arthur said that he would not be long in the Colony and if there was one thing he would like to say to players and to club officials he would say that they should regard as their first duty loyalty to the Association (Applause).

"Unless we can depend on that loyalty of members of the Association I see no real future for football in Hongkong," Sir Arthur declared.

He appealed to them to be loyal to the Association, to abide by its decision and to remember that its men were working in an honorary capacity, that they had no axe to grind and that their interest was the interest of football in the Colony.

Sir Arthur said that in this Colony there had been produced some extremely fine players and a great number of players worthy to be called real footballers. Unfortunately there had not been produced the same number of self-effacing officials.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL

He appealed to those players who were now passing the stage when they could take an active interest in the game and perform on the field to the delight of the crowd, to acquire that attitude of mind when they would say to themselves "in

the past men of the best have taken an interest in it. We in the future will take an interest in the rising generation of footballers."

It was a fact that men who had so often been applauded by the crowd did not, when they hung up their boots, usually retire by going into a second or third team and in doing so "do their stuff" in teaching and showing the younger players how to play.

"Men who are prepared to do that deserve a great honour than if they were playing the game themselves," Sir Arthur said.

He added that he had been told that Messrs Lai Shiu-wing, Fung King-cheung, Tam Kong-pak, Chan Kwan-hoi, Armstrong, and Hau Yung-ray were taking a very great interest in local school football. It was in schoolboy football that the future of the game in Hongkong lay.

Sir Arthur said that he had always admired local schoolboy football and the spirit in which it was played. He felt it was a fact that there were some very good school footballers here, but it was really deplorable the way some fell from grace as so short a time after they entered Association football. Why could they not remember the lessons they had learnt in school, why could they not remember to play for the team as a team and to abhor all tactics which would not be tolerated by any decent person? Either by temperament or temper some really disgraced themselves on the football ground. May be the young could be taught that doubtful tactics were an exhibition of doubtful character.

THANKS EXPRESSED

Sir Arthur then said that there were a great many people to whom the Football Association owed a great deal for the success of football in Hongkong. The Police, for instance, had a very difficult job to perform and he must say that they performed it extremely well. The Police had a great tradition school team, and it was up to these representatives to see that that same spirit was carried on to the field of play.

Turning to referees, Sir Arthur said that they were the ones which took command of the game, yet they were the people who got very little credit. They were, nevertheless, doing a splendid job of work. Sir Arthur said he would particularly like to mention those referees who were giving up so much of their time which could be spent in leisure and giving so much of their attention to refereeing school boy matches.

"More power to them and more credit to them," Sir Arthur said, and he concluded his speech.

"I wish you all in the future the best of good luck," Sir Arthur concluded. "Play the game, play it well, play it hard but play it fair."

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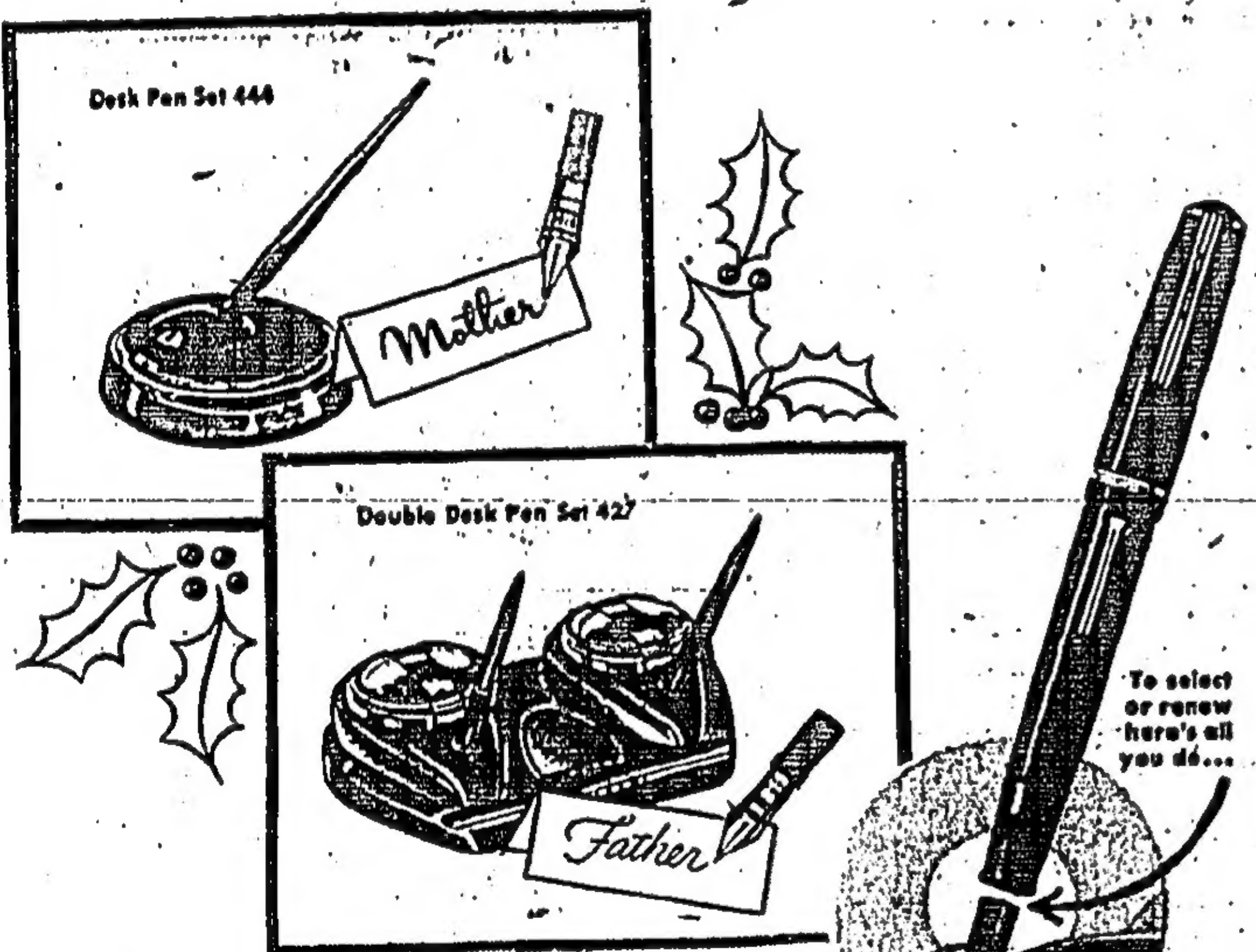
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Refuse To Accept Bond Payments

London, Dec. 22.
Today, December 22, was the day for the first interest payments under Japan's recent offer for settlement of her pre-war Sterling debts — and the great majority of bondholders preferred not to take the money.
Japan's paying agents in London stood ready to pay out about £4,400,000 of interest on the bonds.

BLACKMAIL SENTENCE APPEAL

Stockholm, Dec. 22.
Mr Kurt Haljby, a Stockholm businessman, 58, this afternoon appealed against sentence of eight years' hard labour passed on him earlier today for blackmailing officials in the Court of Sweden's King Gustaf V, who died in 1950 aged 92.
His counsel also urged the Court of Appeal to grant Haljby's release while the appeal is being heard. The Court is not expected to reach any decision until after the Christmas holidays.
Haljby was charged with blackmail after he alleged that Court officials had him illegally committed to a mental home and imprisoned to hush up his association with the King.
A Government investigation cleared the officials and said Haljby was sent to a mental hospital for sexual offences against two schoolboys.
The United States Court of Appeals today reserved a decision on a move to save convicted atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg from the electric chair.
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Bondholders chose to take less than £800,000 of it — because they do not want to pay income tax on the interest. For that reason, only about 18 per cent of the bondholders have so far accepted Japan's offer and thus become eligible for the interest payments.
By continuing to hold the bonds in "unassented" form, bondholders can hope to sell them to pension funds and similar privileged institutions which do not pay tax.
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MAY NEVER ACCEPT
It is because bondholders trust Japan to pay up whenever they do choose to accept that they feel they need not hurry to accept — and pay the British tax.

Today is also the day for first interest payments on Japan's dollar bonds in New York. As there is no similar tax complication there, it was thought there would be a much higher proportion of acceptance. Some of the Sterling bondholders may never accept the offer. Some bondholders reckon to keep the bonds until Japan herself buys them. They expect her to do so in due course and as she does not pay British tax, the bonds are worth more to her than to bondholders. Reuter.

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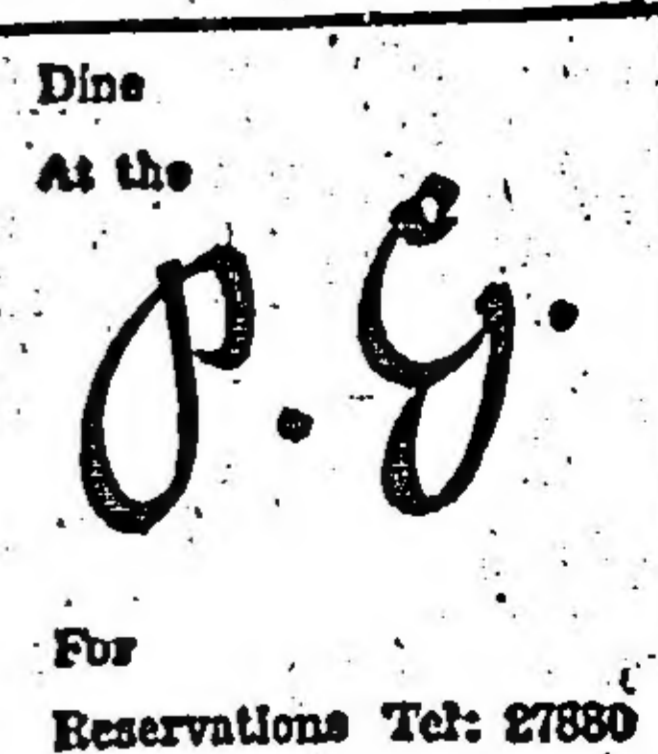
BUYING OF GOLD BY SYNDICATE

Bangkok, Dec. 22.
A Thai financial syndicate purchased 37,000 ounces of gold from abroad during the week ending December 20. Twenty thousand ounces of gold have already arrived in Bangkok from the first week's purchase of 25,000 ounces and the rest, 5,000 ounces, as well as new purchases of 37,000 ounces, are expected to arrive soon.

The week's purchases of 37,000 ounces were made at a price of US\$37.50 compared with US\$37.70 paid for previous purchases. Total purchases so far made by the syndicate amounted to 62,000 ounces during December. It is expected that the syndicate will purchase, during January and February 1953, 8,000 ounces in each of the months from abroad, probably from London, Paris and Amsterdam.

It was reported that the syndicate had already distributed the imported gold to the Gold and Diamond Merchants Association of Thailand, which consists of more than 600 member merchants. The financial syndicate is reported as charging a commission of two per cent on C.I.F. cost from the Gold and Diamond Merchants Association. After the arrival of 20,000 ounces during the week ended December 20, prices of gold in Bangkok showed a declining tendency and are expected to continue the downward tendency for some time, because of reportedly heavy stocks here. The present price per Baht weight of 15.244 grams is Ticals 835 for 0.940 fineness compared with Ticals 345 on pressure of import licences.

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U.S. Control Law Has Backfired

Washington, Dec. 22. The export control law curb on trade with the iron curtain countries has backfired on American cotton producers and has hurt them more than Russia, as informed government source said today.

Officials studying the situation pointed out that Russia and her satellites, including Red China, normally buy up to 1,000,000 bales of U.S. cotton annually. This year American shipments are running at less than half of last year's rate. Sale of another 1,000,000 bales would save U.S. growers from a looming surplus.

Officials pointed out that the iron curtain nations have absolutely free access to other cotton sources, chiefly Pakistan and Egypt. In addition, Russia herself supplies much of the cotton for her Eastern European puppets either from the Soviet crop or by reselling imports.

"Even if we assume that the Communist countries are not getting all the cotton they need," one official said, "their only difficulty would be the price issue. And with the slacker world demand, other countries have become anxious sellers at prices generally below the U.S. prices."

Government experts arrived at their conclusions after discounting the fantastically high production estimated from Red China and Russia. The Red governments announced that the output in China in this year alone hit about 4,500,000 bales, and 5,500,000 in Russia.

American officials, using mill consumption figures and reports from Embassy experts, say that the China crop was nearer

2,800,000 bales and Russia's closer to 3,800,000. The depressed international cotton market stems from the build-up in Japanese stocks which followed the heavy buying after the outbreak of the Korean war. Demand was so strong then that export restrictions were imposed on the short 1950 American crop.

When the 1951 crop came in, the curbs, except for the ban on iron curtain shipments, were removed. The falling-off of demand this year has posed serious problems for U.S. producers. There were reports that the Government would advise them to cut acreage considerably next year or face planting restrictions in 1954.

This year's crop is estimated at 15,038,000 bales. Foreign and domestic buyers are expected to take only about 14,000,000 bales. This means that more than 1,000,000 bales will be left over at the end of the season on August 1, 1953 to be added to the 2,700,000 on hand from the previous carry-overs.

The Cotton Producers Committee has been working to remedy the situation. It has proposed a programme for voluntary acreage reduction next year and is urging the Government to push sales to countries participating in the mutual security programme.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Dec. 22. Japanese bonds (A) (4% of 1950) 84
 " (B) (4% of 1951) 77 1/2
 " (C) (5% of 1952) 130 1/2
 " (D) (5% of 1953) 108
 " (E) (5 1/2% of 1954) 108
 Consols 108 1/2-109 1/2
 —United Press.

Sell More To The U.S.

Washington, Dec. 22. In the third quarter of this year, foreign countries sold substantially more to the United States than they bought here, continuing the trend of the second quarter.

Transactions with the U.S., the Department of Commerce said today, enabled foreign countries to earn \$700,000,000 more than they spent here in the July-August-September quarter.

Altogether, in the last two quarters, foreign countries have sold \$1,100,000,000 more to the U.S. than they have bought from this country. —Associated Press.

TOY BOOM IN U.S.

New York, Dec. 22. A "baby boom" in the U.S. is sparking a toy boom in Christmas trade. Stores report sales 25 per cent ahead of last season's. Much of the business is in imports.

The toy manufacturers of the U.S., representing the trade, said it is having its hands full supplying the nation's millions of children. It estimates there are now 15,000,000 youngsters in the five to nine-year bracket and that 3,500,000 babies have been born every year since 1946.

Word from most manufacturers is that they are working from two to three shifts a day, at a time when normally almost all the year's production would have been shipped.

One estimate was that 100,000 different toys are on the market this year. Two that were reported in popular demand: a German-made, remote-controlled mechanical jeep, selling for \$2.98, and a Japanese-made \$3.49 model of a B-50 bomber. Said the Wall Street Journal: "They're outselling anything similar by domestic producers."

—Associated Press.

Canadian Dollar Difficulties

Ottawa, Dec. 22. The financial world paid homage to the Canadian dollar in the year now drawing to a close. For the first time in 18 years it climbed from a discount to a premium, becoming the world's most powerful currency.

But pride in that achievement turned into embarrassment for the Canadian Government and for a big segment of the Canadian population.

Many Canadian businessmen argued that Canada, which depended so heavily on foreign markets for prosperity, simply could not afford an expensive dollar.

The premium on the dollar, which rose to a 100-year high of more than four cents during August and September, gave exporters the opportunity of paying less for foreign imports.

But exporters complained of considerable hardship. The premium tended to increase the price of Canada's exports and cut into Canada's ability to compete for foreign markets. It was a case of exporters increasing the price of their goods or absorbing the premium as an extra cost. Many exporters remained undecided. No one was certain how long the premium trend would last. Some were certain it would be short-lived. It was not as the year drew to a close, the premium shrank to less than two cents, but then it bounced back to more than three cents.

PRODUCERS COMPLAIN
 In British Columbia, lumber producers complained that the high-flying dollar was cutting into their ability to compete in the American market. The British Columbia Government demanded that the Federal Government do something about it.

In a Vancouver speech, Finance Minister Abbott replied that there was not much the Government could do. It would take millions and millions of Canadian dollars to buy up all the surplus American dollars apparently available in Canada.

There was not that kind of money available in the Federal Treasury. As it was the Government had invested more Canadian dollars in American dollars and gold than at any time in her history.

The official reserves at the end of September climbed to a peak of \$1,333,000,000. The Government said it was using these reserves to "iron out" any sharp daily fluctuations in the exchange rate of the dollar. What it actually was doing was buying up as much surplus American currency as it could to prevent the Canadian dollar from increasing its premium. A Federal official observed that if the Government's agents stopped buying surplus Ameri-

Optimistic Feeling Over Business Prospects In U.S.

New York, Dec. 22. A record Christmas business appeared assured this past week for the retail storekeeper. Again shoppers spent more money than in any other comparable pre-holiday week.

As shoppers spent liberally, money in circulation reached an all-time peak for the fourth week in a row.

Industrial production hit the high spots too, and prosperity was predicted by many economists even after the defence spending begins to taper off.

Year-end statements were almost unanimous in their optimism for the months ahead. Everyone was talking good business. The only differences came on how good. The Bureau of Labour Statistics reported factory employment in November (the latest figure available) was the highest since World War II.

The Bureau reported there were 36,000 more manufacturing jobs than in October and the total was 10,529,000. The significance is that seasonal cutbacks in some industries usually bring a decline in the number of factory workers in November.

RECORD HIGH

But this year, the Bureau said, clothing manufacturers did not trim their payrolls and durable goods producers expanded.

The same situation was true for non-farm jobs generally. The total of this category stood at 47,862,000 in November—1,010,000 above a year earlier. Pre-Christmas expansion in retail trade and retail-working offset normal declines in construction and mining. The Bureau said loans were at a record high for the 12th week in a row and expansions already

planned and inventories to restock emptying shelves accounted for a fair share of these loans.

The emptying shelves were in retail stores as well as in factories and wholesalers' houses.

EASY CREDIT

Dun and Bradstreet, the business reporting service, said the accelerated pace of the shoppers was expected to continue in the final shopping days before Christmas with the result of a new peak season.

Reinforcing were reported relying heavily on promotional and stressing easy credit terms to keep their cash registers ringing—a greater extent than last year, Dun and Bradstreet said.

The business service said the shoppers were running more deeply in debt than ever before. But Dun and Bradstreet added, it was not an unduly large burden because shoppers' incomes were also at a record high.

Customers were reported generally favouring better-grade goods, although many remained quite bargain-conscious. In the midst of the pleasing reports, however, were a few sour notes. New York City, for instance, was the one big exception to the rule.

COST OF LIVING

One New York shopper said sales were lagging behind last year and he blamed transportation difficulties, competition from suburban shopping centres and a city sales tax (three cents on the dollar).

As the rush of holiday shopping increased, the Government reported the cost of living crept up two-tenths of a point in November and equalled the record high of last August. Higher home rents were mainly responsible for the rise, the Bureau of Labour Statistics said.

The index increase was too slight, however, to prevent a one-cent cut in the hourly wages of about 1,250,000 railroad workers whose pay is tied to the BLS index. Under the previous adjustment the railroad workers had received a two cents an hour increase.

FOOD PRICES DOWN

While the Government was reporting the cost of living going up, Dun and Bradstreet's index of wholesale food prices hit a low since the end of June, 1950.

The index, based on the wholesale costs of a pound each of 31 foods in general use, stood at \$6.11, compared with \$6.15 the previous week and \$6.35 a year ago.

In regard to food, the Agriculture Department in its final crop report of 1952 said American farmers produced a record volume of agricultural products this year despite handicaps of drought, reduced acreages and mostly lower farm prices.

And, the Department added, the crops were generally of excellent quality.

The car manufacturers got some good news. The Defense Production Administration told them in the second quarter of 1953 they would have more steel than at any time since the Korean fighting started.

STEEL TIGHT

The Government said the car manufacturers would get up to 70 per cent of their consumption up to that time.

And the car makers were promised enough steel in the first quarter to build an additional 175,000 cars and trucks—probably their full authorization of \$250,000 cars and 315,000 trucks.

Such civilian goods as refrigerators, lawn-mowers and farm and garden equipment also benefited from civilian steel allocations.

The Iron Age, metal-working trade weekly, said: "The steel market looks lighter now than it has for several months."

"Many steel people," Iron Age said, "had expected first signs of easing demand to start showing about the first of the year."

—Associated Press.

LONDON RUBBER

London, Dec. 22. The rubber futures market was dull today. Prices closed as follows:
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That Night

KNOWSLEY, Lancs.—The sharp, harsh impact of sudden violence like murder, upon a small community, tends to make each member of that community retreat into himself defensively.

In the village, that sprawls without pattern about the walls of Knowsley Hall, a kind of shocked silence fell, when the news filtered out of the shooting at the big house. The news took about three hours to travel the mile and a half from the house to the village, where most people were on nodding terms at any rate, with the two men killed, and with their killer.

For the next 24 hours, when they were left to themselves, and not answering questions from curious outsiders, the villagers talked football, racing, pheasant-shooting, the weather—about anything except what is known locally as "That Night."

AFTER the first 24 hours, they talked for some days of little else.

But they talked of what they read in papers printed miles away, of the tragedy that had happened on their doorstep. Zealously dissected, the indoor staff at the big house kept mostly within the park walls. When they emerged they did not speak of That Night.

A woman servant called on Miss Margaret Whitley (at 88 she is the oldest Knowsley-born inhabitant) at her almshouse home. The pair talked of many things concerning the big house and the family; the shooting was not mentioned.

Said Miss Whitley, a seamstress who used to make all the Knowsley maidens' dresses: "Oh dear no, it wouldn't do to talk about it. They never talk."

NOW that the verdict is known, talk about That Night has started again, and inside information splices the talk at last.

At the Derby Arms, the imposing, neat village inn, Mr. Hart, an old regular, known as "Barny," has for the time being lost his accustomed audience for tales of campaigns in Rangoon in '04, South Africa in '01. The customers concentrate on stories told by men like one I met whom I shall call Benjamin.

Benjamin was up at the house That Night. He talked to Winstanley 10 minutes before the boy who had swiped a gun for a pair of trousers went into the hall and shot Lady Derby. There is a small club for the staff of the Hall, a few hundred yards from the house. That Night Winstanley came into the club at the same time as Benjamin. He bought six packets of cigarettes, inquired of the steward about a raffle for a bottle of whisky, said good-night, and went to the Hall.

SAID Benjamin: "Harold wasn't the drinking sort, I don't think I've ever seen him have a bottle of beer. But I've seen him come in and offer drinks all round, though he couldn't really have afforded to buy them. He seemed to do it for effect."

"That Night," said Benjamin, "he looked no more strange than you or me."

Presently, that evening, someone ran into the club crying: "Harold's running amok with a gun." Benjamin joined in the hunt.

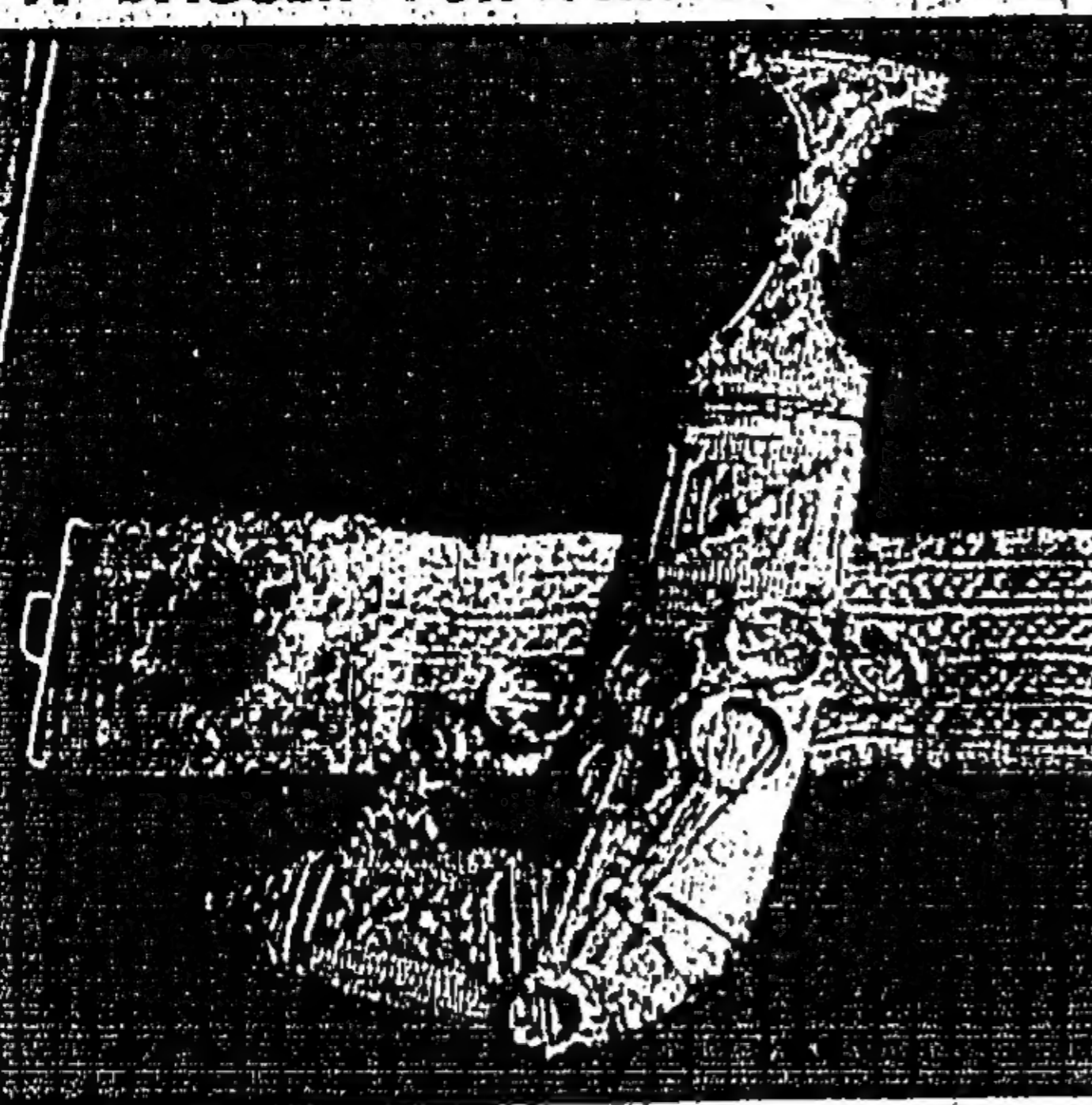
And in the stable yard, around which are the houses where the two murdered men lived, a man ran calling out: "Bolt your doors. Harold's running amok with a gun." The two wives of the murdered men were among the five families so warned. They bolted their doors. They did not know they were already widowed.

THE village reckon Winstanley made his getaway from Knowsley by taking a 97 bus from Sugar Lane, close to the village police houses; and he rode into Liverpool by bus, with the gun stuck down his trouser leg.

"I said to Harold once," someone said, "Why don't you get yourself a better job? For the one he was doing wasn't much more than a boy's."

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A DAGGER FOR PRINCE CHARLES



The ruby, an emerald, and a diamond ornament this dagger which four-year-old Prince Hassan of Jordan is to present to Prince Charles.



Gift for Prince

PRINCE CHARLES is to receive a present from four-year-old Prince Hassan of Jordan, now in London with his mother, Queen Zein. It is an Arabian dagger, a foot long, curved, and costly. The blade is of steel, the handle set with a ruby and an emerald and the sheath is of gold. In the richly-chased scabbard is a diamond. Prince Charles will be able to wear the dagger. With it goes a waist-band of gold thread with a gold clasp. Queen Zein told the Queen about the gift when they had lunch together at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

London Express Service

37 Crewmen Rescued

Honolulu, Dec. 22.—Thirty-seven crewmen were rescued in mid-Pacific today from the American freighter Quattro as rolling seas poured into the ship's ripped hull.

The crew were taken aboard the American ship Frontenac Victory, which headed immediately for Midway, 90 miles to the west. Captain C. Catham and three officers were transferred to a Navy patrol boat and will wait for instructions concerning possible salvage.

The Quattro carried a cargo of wheat destined for Korea. United Press.

said he was quite happy as he was.

Someone else said: "He, always dressed very smart, didn't he? All who had known him slightly, agreed."

The talk went on. Buses rolled by the Derby Arms, for Knowsley Park is bordered on every side by sprawling towns and sprawling housing estates. Each time a stranger came in the talk died. I stayed for long enough to hear much spoken kindly of the men who were killed—and much spoken kindly of their killer.

Prison For Arms Possession

Four men were sentenced by Mr Justice E. H. Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on charges of armed robbery and possession of arms and ammunition. The accused were Wong Shu-fai, 29, Asherman, Chan Luk, 31, Cheng Lau, 31, and Wong Ming, alias Wong Piu, 39. The first, third and fourth accused were charged with robbery with a gun, and the second with robbery with a gun and possession of arms and ammunition. The robbery took place at the Han Fat Cheung grocery store, Big Wave Bay.

Mr Patrick Yu, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, said it could not be ascertained whether the two weapons found in the possession of the fourth accused were the actual ones used in the robbery.

Mr Justice Williams sentenced the first and third accused to seven years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane on the robbery count, and the fourth accused to eight years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane for the same offence.

Second accused was given four years' hard labour for possession of arms.

Concurrent sentences of one year's hard labour for arms possession were imposed on the third and fourth accused, while the fourth accused was given a concurrent term of five years for possession of arms and ammunition.

The Court ordered confiscation of all arms and ammunition seized by the Police.

Inquiry Into Death Of Journalist

London, Dec. 22.—The widow of Mr Ralph Deakin, Imperial and foreign news editor of the London Times, told a coroner here today she locked the door of her bedroom the night before her husband died because "I had reason to suspect he might kill me."

Mr Deakin, aged 64, was found dead in bed last Friday morning. He had been foreign news editor of the Times for more than 30 years.

The coroner adjourned the inquest on him until tomorrow so that a pathologist could examine a box of tablets and a bottle found in Mr Deakin's room. Mrs Deakin testified that last August her husband told her he was going to commit suicide. "He pretended he was not in good health, to get sleeping tablets from the doctor," she said. "He had been collecting them."

A doctor testified that Mr Deakin had advanced coronary disease and appeared to have died rapidly. If he had taken anything, it had more accurately been his natural disease.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION
1. In an outward road in London, a car was seen to be driven by a man in a dark suit and a woman in a light dress. The car was seen to be driven by a man in a dark suit and a woman in a light dress. The car was seen to be driven by a man in a dark suit and a woman in a light dress.

ANTI-COMMUNIST ARMS SMUGGLER SENT TO GAOL

"Here in Hongkong we cannot tolerate people collecting arms whether they are going to be used here or to be used elsewhere. I am taking, in account that you had no hostile intentions against the inhabitants of Hongkong," declared the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, in the Criminal Sessions this morning when he sentenced a man to two years and six months.

The man, Wong Hon, aged 38, unemployed, was represented by Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, and he pleaded guilty to possession of two revolvers and 18 rounds of ammunition.

Mr Clifford, in mitigation, stressed that his client was engaged in smuggling arms out of the Colony for anti-Communist guerrilla activities in China. He had no intention of using them here for robbery or any other unlawful purpose.

In passing sentence, his Lordship said that he accepted all that Mr Clifford had said on behalf of the accused.

Another man, Chan Chung-chung, aged 30, unemployed, was given six years and 12 strokes of the cane. He had earlier pleaded guilty to possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition. It was stated that he had betrayed Wong Hon to the Police.

It was disclosed by Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, that the Colt revolver found in the second accused's possession had been used in a murder in Hongkong. He was not saying that the accused was in any way responsible for that crime.

Crown Counsel said that on the evening of October 22, Sub-Inspector Lodge-Buckingham was on routine visit to hotels in Kowloon when he heard a commotion. On investigating he found second accused on the ground struggling and when arrested he was found to have a Colt revolver fully loaded with six rounds.

When taken to the Police Station and questioned, he gave information to the Police and as a result, Det-Insp. Askew with a party went to a hut occupied by the first accused. They found a brown paper parcel which contained a Smith and Wesson revolver, fully loaded. There was also a small envelope which had six rounds of ammunition.

THROWS GUN AWAY

Prior to entering the hut, Insp. Askew heard a splash in the gutter. The object was retrieved and it proved to be a Smith and Wesson revolver, fully loaded. When it was shown to him, first accused said "Yes, I threw it out of the window."

When charged, first accused, in a statement, admitted the offence and said he hoped the Inspector would ask the Judge to deal leniently with him as he had an aged grandmother, mother and young wife to support.

Second accused, in his statement, said that although he was responsible for the offence the guns were not taken out for any unlawful purpose. He had reported to the Police at Kowloon City three days previously. He had removed the guns from 57, Woosung Street, first floor, to the hut off Castle Peak Road. His original intention was to assist the Police.

In mitigation, Mr Clifford said that the revolvers were not for any purpose of robbery. His client collected guns to take over the border for anti-Communist guerrilla activities. Counsel said that he was not going on any surmise.

WAR-TIME LEADER

The first accused was a leader of anti-Japanese guerrillas during the occupation. There was a picture of him in an American magazine showing him proudly surrounded by arms which he had collected to take back to China.

Counsel said that the accused was a victim of war in more ways than one. He was a person from a poor start who had worked himself up to positions of trust only to be shattered by war.

He started life as an office boy, then became a salesman in Ma Yik San and then returned to his native village to try and better himself. He took to military training and in spare time worked at night school and later became a land office surveyor in the government. He returned to Hongkong and worked as a shoof at the Hong Lok Bakery where his honesty was proved to be a hundred per cent. Next he turned to the laundry business but with the war looming between Macao and China ceased rapidly.

Living Language

Why we say Costermonger.

The Anglo-Saxon word *mang* meant a mixture, and a monger was originally a man who sold a mixture of things. "Coster" is a corruption of "costard", a kind of apple. A "costermonger" was once a man who sold only apples but nowadays the word is used to describe any kind of street-hawker, but especially one who sells fruit and vegetable.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

Christmas Arrangements
On Thursday, December 25 there will be one general delivery commencing 10 a.m. There will be no delivery on Friday 26.
The public counters at the G.P.O. and Kowloon P.O. will be open on December 25 and 26 for the sale of stamps, and delivery of parcels from 9 a.m. to noon. All other Post Offices will be closed on these days.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 4.30 p.m. Air Victoria.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m. P.A.
Malaya, Ceylon, Siam, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Macao, 9 a.m. 8 p.m. as Lee Hong/De Gling.
Indo-China, 3 p.m. as Sun On.
Philippines, 3 p.m. 5 p.m. as Sun On.
Malaya, 3 p.m. 5 p.m. as Sun On.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Formosa, Japan, 9 a.m. via C.A.T. Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m. C.P.A. Indo-China (Tonkin only), 4.30 p.m. C.P.A. Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (New York), 5 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Japan, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Macao, 9 a.m. 8 p.m. as Lee Hong/Tak sang.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton.
Philippines, 11 a.m. as Toudouze.
Siam, 11 a.m. as Toudouze.
Malaya, 11 a.m. as Toudouze.
Formosa, 9 a.m. as Wing Sang.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Formosa, 9 a.m. via C.A.T. Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m. C.P.A. Indo-China (Tonkin only), 4.30 p.m. C.P.A. Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (New York), 5 p.m. B.O.A.C.
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Alleged Attack With Acid Woman Disfigured For Life

An alleged attack by a man upon the woman with whom he had co-habited for some years and who was the mother of his two children was described by Crown Counsel before Mr Justice E. H. Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Lam Hing-wing, 30, unemployed, was accused of throwing corrosive fluid with intent on a woman, Tse Sam-mui, 22, at Kowloon on June 17 last.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, acting Senior Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, said it was fortunate the woman did not lose her eyesight, but she had been disfigured for life.

Det. Sub-Ins. J. Hidden, G.M., was officer-in-charge of investigations.

Accused pleaded not guilty and a jury of five men and two women was empanelled.

Mr Blair-Kerr said the accused and the woman met about five years ago when the accused was working in the Pacific Enamel Factory. They later lived together as husband and wife and had two children, both boys, aged four and two. Some time in August, 1951, the accused lost his employment, and in April or May this year the woman decided to leave him and earn some money on her own.

SUPPLIED MONEY

She went to a boarding-house in Nathan Road where she became a prostitute. Arrangements were made by her with friends to look after the two children, and she maintained at her boarding-house and ask for money, said Crown Counsel, and he did this continually. The woman gave him \$10 every two or three days.

About 1 p.m. on June 17, the complainant went with a friend to visit her younger son and met the accused. She later accompanied him to where he lived in Kowloon City to fetch her clothing. While she was packing her clothes, the accused suddenly picked up a bowl from underneath the bed and allegedly poured some hot corrosive fluid over her face, arms and neck. He then entered the kitchen and obtained more fluid which he again threw over the woman.

Accused disappeared after that and was not arrested until August 23.

The woman, following the attack, was taken to Kowloon Hospital. Mr Blair-Kerr said it was fortunate she did not lose her eyesight, but she had been disfigured for life. Analysis of the vessels containing the fluid which had been used revealed that they had contained pure sulphuric acid, he added.

The trial is proceeding.

From The Files 100 Years Ago

We have had several complaints lately of the bad appearance of our broad sheet. The oldest of the three local journals, however, some excuse may be claimed on the score of typical old age; but that has not been the only cause of the bad impressions complained of. In future, one at least of these causes will be remedied, in the use of new Chinese paper, instead of the dry hard material of foreign manufacture hitherto printed on. In the course of next year, too, we shall hope to improve appearance still more, by the use of new types; and we have some thought of a new and larger press, by aid of which we shall be enabled to give our supporters a larger amount of readable matter than they have hitherto had for the amount of subscription. But these are thoughts only; and like Mr. Disraeli's political predictions—rest in the womb of the future.

CRIMINAL CASES

It is indeed high time for a change in the mode of investigating criminal cases prior to their being brought to the Supreme Court for a final judgment. Only a few months ago, our pen was the sole means in obtaining the release, from double irons on the road of a poor lad who had been sentenced to transportation; and it must have been evident to all at that time that a little path on the part of our police officers would have saved the Government from the peculiar position in which they were placed, in having to render null the solemn verdict of a sworn jury. And now we have another case, in which we are fully satisfied that a great injustice has been done to a poor hard working fisherman, whose family by his transportation became steeped in greater poverty than they were before. The case to which we allude is that of Cheong-fook-chuen, partially reported in our issue No. 101 of the 18th instant. The writer was of the jury sworn to try one of the two indictments on which the prisoner was arraigned, and had not the case then broken down for reason of the flagrant perjury of one of the witnesses, Police Constable Boyle would have been recalled and questioned particularly as to his identification of the prisoner in question. Suffice it here to state that P. C. Boyle, when giving his evidence, swore to that which we now find was purely imaginary.

NOT HIS CASTLE

A Chinaman's house is not his castle as in Aberdeen; and so when the door was not opened readily, P. C. Boyle broke it down with his foot, rushed up stairs and found a back door open; he proceeded through it and found three men—one of them, Cheong-fook-chuen, who he said was twenty yards off (whether towards the Police Station, or towards the east end where he landed was not stated—but we hear he says it was towards the Police Station)—he took him in custody, and the Prisoner was afterwards sworn to as having assisted in a piracy on the 7th-8th of October. "No other doors opened out on the hill where he was found, and he must have left his key in his house." Now this italicised assertion, which has most to do with the prisoner's conviction, is as gross a piece of perjury as was ever committed. A pathway, entering in rear of the clovenhouse east of the one from which it was made, to appear the prisoner escaped, runs right to the door, and passing over a small wall continues to the public entrance rear of some houses about two hundred feet further off, and at twenty yards exactly west of the said house there is a passageway direct from the main road. At this point, according to Boyle's deposition, the Prisoner was arrested. We shall return to this subject shortly, and may tell a little of what we have heard; we now state what we know.

Juror Fined

Henry M. Reubaine, who failed to answer his summons for service yesterday, was fined \$20 by the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, at the Criminal Sessions this morning. He explained that he was then ill and that he had arrived in town late the night before. He said that he was very ill, and that he was unable to come to court. The Chief Justice said that he was sorry to hear of his illness, but that he must appear in court. He was fined \$20 for failing to appear.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



These handkerchiefs from Ralph really must be love, mother—he's the only boy friend who didn't run out on me before Christmas!